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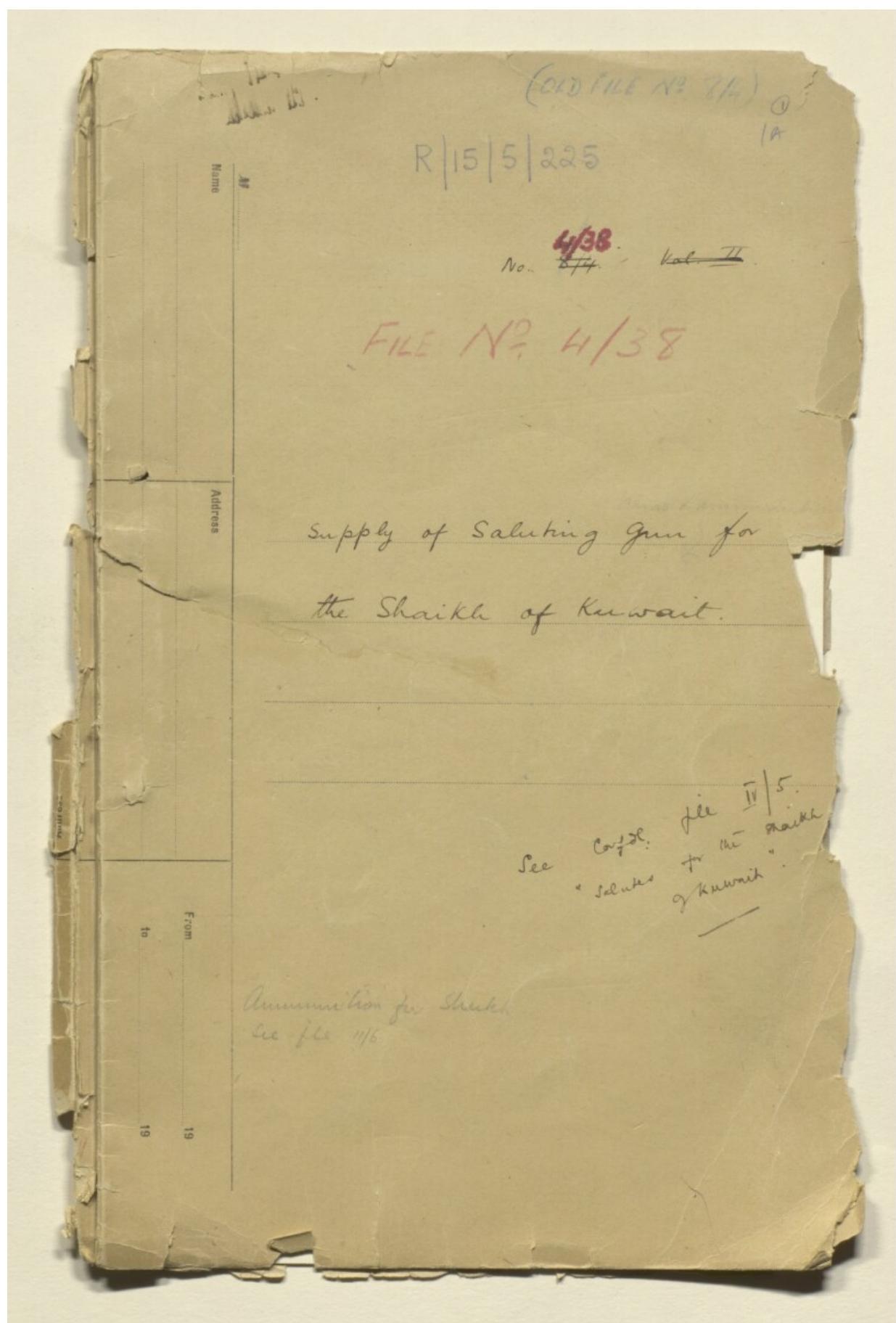
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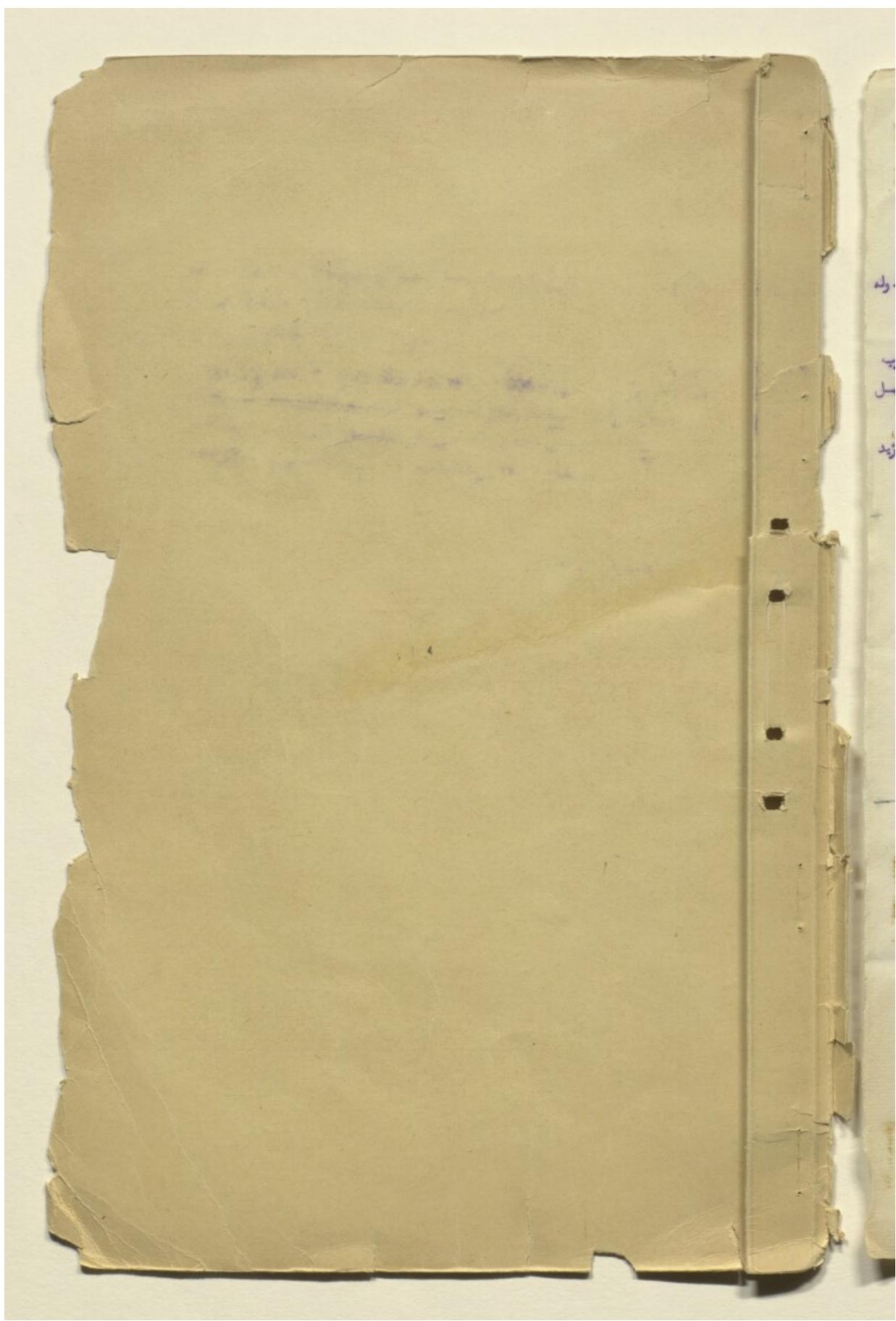
About this record

This file contains correspondence between British officials regarding the desire of the Ruler of Kuwait, Shaikh Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, to purchase a three-pounder saluting gun [cannon] to affix to his recently-built motor dhow in 1932 (folios 2-41). Subsequently, the correspondence in the file discusses a request made by Shaikh Ahmad in 1948 to purchase another saluting cannon of the same type, a thousand rifles (with a million rounds of ammunition) and two hundred pistols (folios 42-95).

The correspondence is primarily between the Political Agency in Kuwait and the Political Residency in Bushire, but the file also contains a limited amount of correspondence with Shaikh Ahmad (in Arabic accompanied by English translations).

On folio 8, the file contains a simple, hand-drawn diagram of the base of a three-pounder saluting gun.







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حضرت حميد الشم الافخم عالي الجاه الصب العزيز كريل لج آر بي دكتن الوكيل السياسي للدول
القبرية القبرية الانكلاءزية بالكونوت ذات محر وسا
بعد السلام والسؤال عن شرف خاطرك دتم بشير وسرور - يعده مكتبي لذا جاءه في طرب
"برندرينج فلافة" مع ماية ذكرا بارود فقط . المقصد تزيد وضعه في يختها كويت يستعمل لاجسل
السلام - فمهماهية تشرف محب التجمع قناعة رئيس الخانج الكريل بوسكو عذدا . ترجوكم ان
تصيذون هذه لطلب ذاتك والقبرية تصن منتصدين تذهبوا هذه الطلبيع كمال المشيقه لكم مزيد
الشكروالماري يرسنكم / ١١ شداد الثاني ١٣٥٠ مخلصكم

حاسكم السكريت



Careful translation

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Thay đổi thời tiết, biến đổi khí hậu, biến đổi môi trường sống, biến đổi hành vi con người, biến đổi sinh vật...

mainly due to the high water content - due to this it also has
"softening effect" on the soil particles. Hence soft soil is said to be
loamy - containing organic matter which is, being highly decomposed - softens
the soil. This soil has no resistance to flowing soil, hence it may
be called as "soil".

July 12, 1963



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Translation of a letter.

From - His Excellency Shaikh Sir Ahmad al Jabir as Subah,

K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Ruler of Kuwait.

To - The Political Agent, Kuwait.

No.R/159

Dated the 11th Jamad Thani 1350 (23rd October 1931).

After compliments,

We are in need of a Breechloading 3 pounder Gun with mounting together with 100 "blank" cartridges (solid drawn brass), which we wish to mount on board our launch "Kuwait" for saluting purposes.

On this honourable and auspicious occasion of the visit of the friend of all His Excellency Lieutenant-Colonel Biscoe, the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, we would like to request you to obtain his permission and ask him to import the same (for us). We are prepared to pay, with gratefulness, the full cost on demand.

With our many thanks etc.





No. 845

Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 28th October 1931.

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From

Lieutenant-Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, C.I.E.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.

To

The Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

Saluting Gun for His Excellency the Shaikh
of Kuwait.

Sir,

With reference to the conversation which you had with His Excellency the Ruler regarding a 3 pounder, breechloading Saluting Gun, with mounting as used in the Royal Navy, for his yacht "KUWAIT".

I have the honour to forward translation of a letter No. R/159 dated 11th Jamed Thani 1350 (23rd October 1931) which I have today received from His Excellency.

2. I trust you may be able to arrange for the gun in question together with one hundred blank cartridges to be sent direct to Kuwait at an early date.

3. Brass solid drawn cartridges, are particularly required in order that they can be re-loaded locally as occasion demands.

4. Also a supply of about 500 caps for re-loading purposes may kindly also be ordered, even though His Excellency has omitted to mention these.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H.R.P. Dickson
Lieut-Col.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.





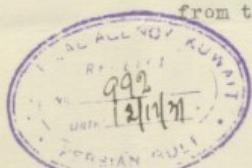
12.12.31.
D.O.No.C.7 of 1931.

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s.s."Chakla",

At sea, dated the 4th December 1931.

Dear Colonel Dickson,

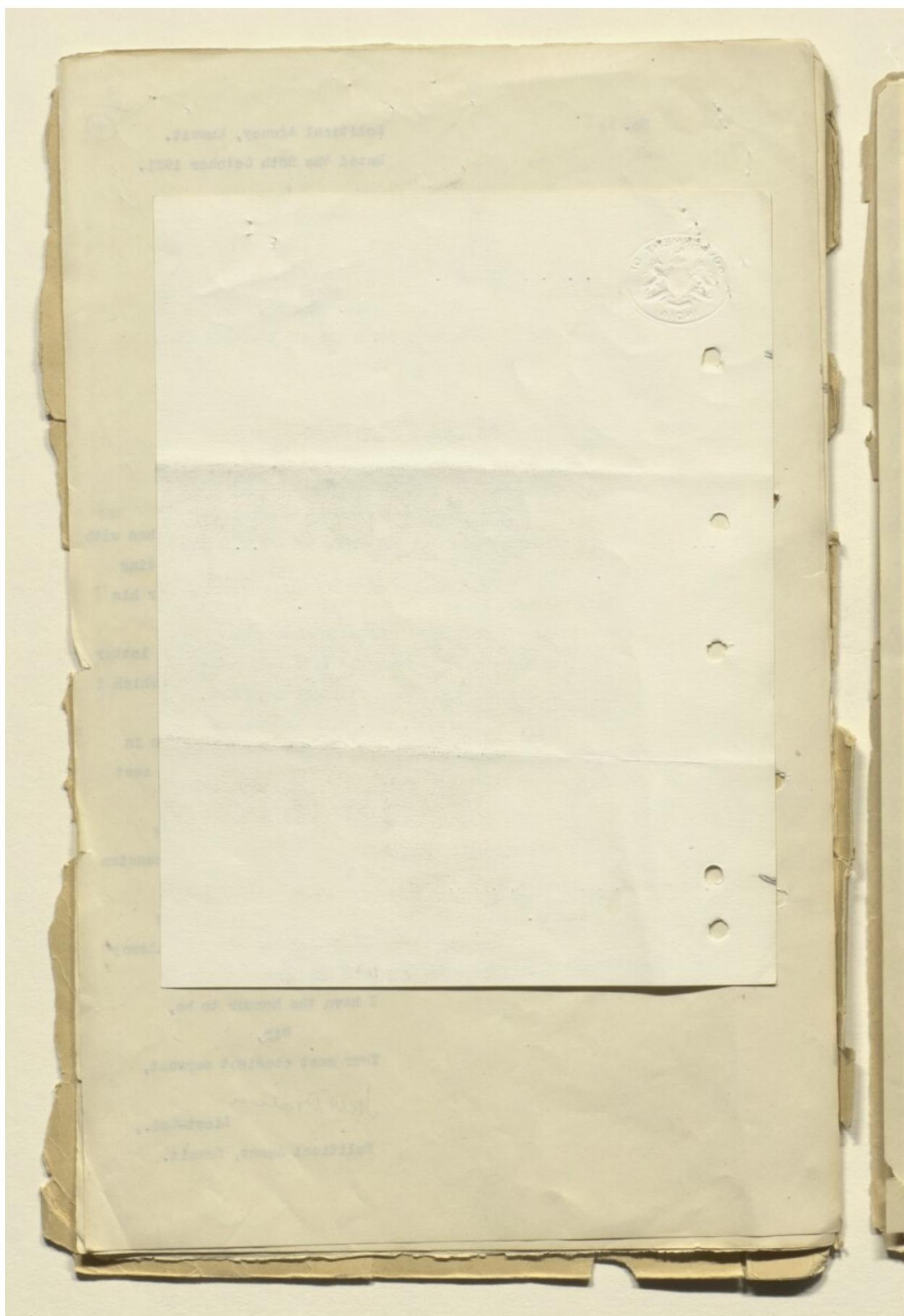
With reference to the Shaikh of Kuwait's request for assistance in purchasing a saluting gun I am desired to enclose a copy of a D.O.letter No.53/124 of 29th November 1931 from the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division. Please communicate its contents to Shaikh Ahmad and ascertain and report if he would like to purchase two guns with the spares and fittings suggested, when details of the cost, etc. will be obtained from the Admiralty.



Lt. Colonel H.R.P.Dickson, C.I.E.,
Political Agent, KC
Kuwait.

R.H. submitted please

I believe pp are with
you. If so send us after
referring this. W/14.12





D.O. No. 53/124.

H.M.S. "TRIAD" at Menjam,
29th November, 1931.

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Dear Resident

SALUTING GUN FOR SHEIKH OF KUWAIT.

With reference to your letter D.O. No. 2323 of 12/14th November, I think it would be more satisfactory for the Sheikh to provide himself with two guns for firing salutes. Loading intervals and missfires have to be reckoned with. In the Navy, the correct interval between guns is 5 seconds.

2. A sketch of a suitable shore mounting is attached.

3. A certain number of spares and fittings are necessary if the guns and charges are to be kept in a safe and efficient condition. A list of these fittings is given below, presumably they would increase the cost of the gun, but it would be necessary to obtain the details of cost etc., from the Admiralty.

A: ARTICLES REQUIRED FOR SALUTING CHARGES.

Brass cases, for containing charge.
(A first fitting of 25 is suggested
in order that method of preparing is
understood by the Master Gunner of Kuwait).

Charges complete.

Bags empty.
(If own powder is being used in subsequent
charges).

Primers, (for firing charge).

Cases powder, metal lined.

3 pdr. cases powder, and keys for.

Two Drivers screw, for inserting primers.

B: SPARES REQUIRED FOR GUNS.

Brushes sponge, and roi for.

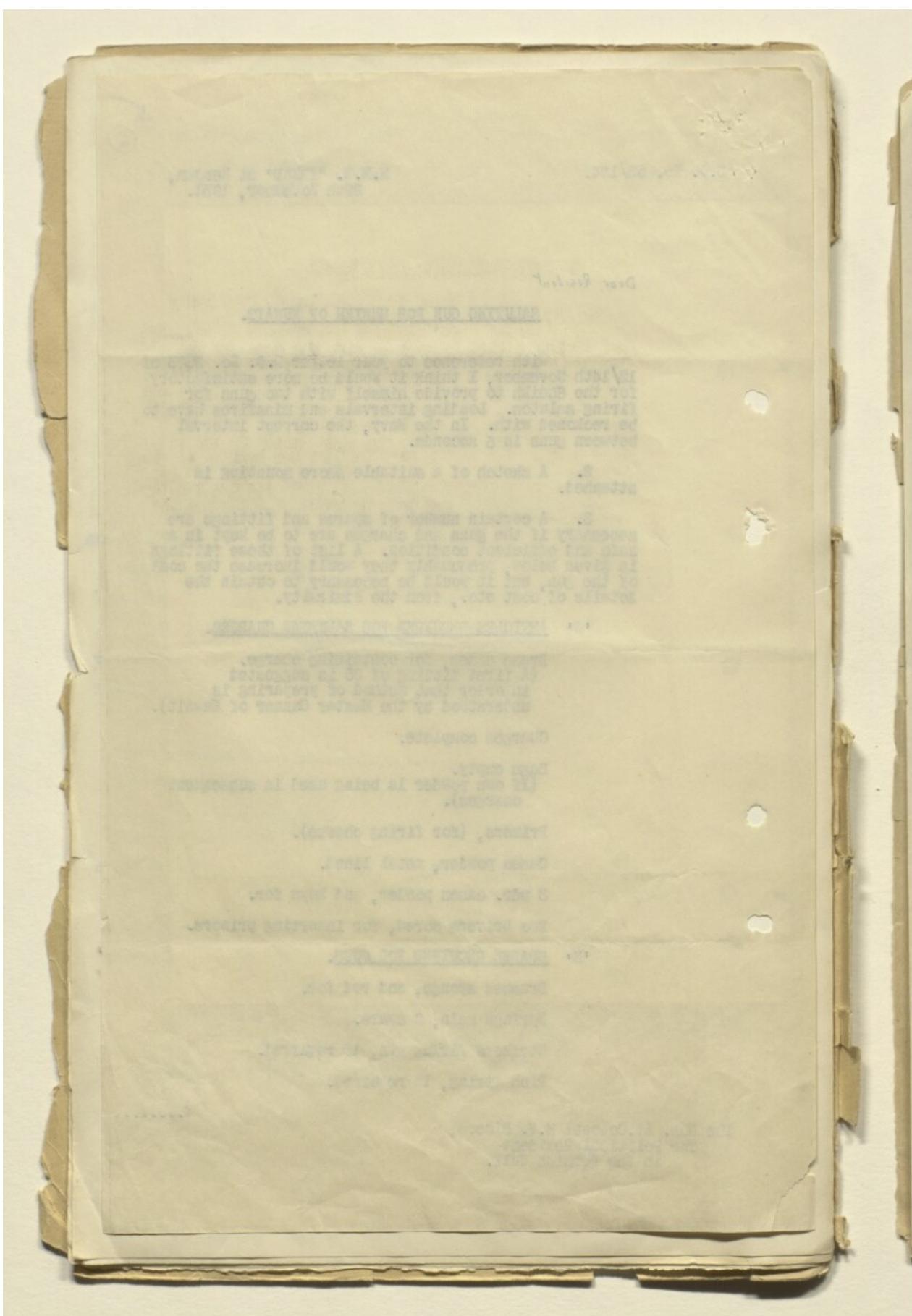
Springs main, 2 spare.

Strikers firing pin, 12 required.

Pins firing, 12 required.

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The Hon. Lt.Colonel H.V. Biscoe,
The Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.





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4. MISSEILE DRILL AND REMARKS.

A tub of water should always be kept handy to the guns in case of missfires.

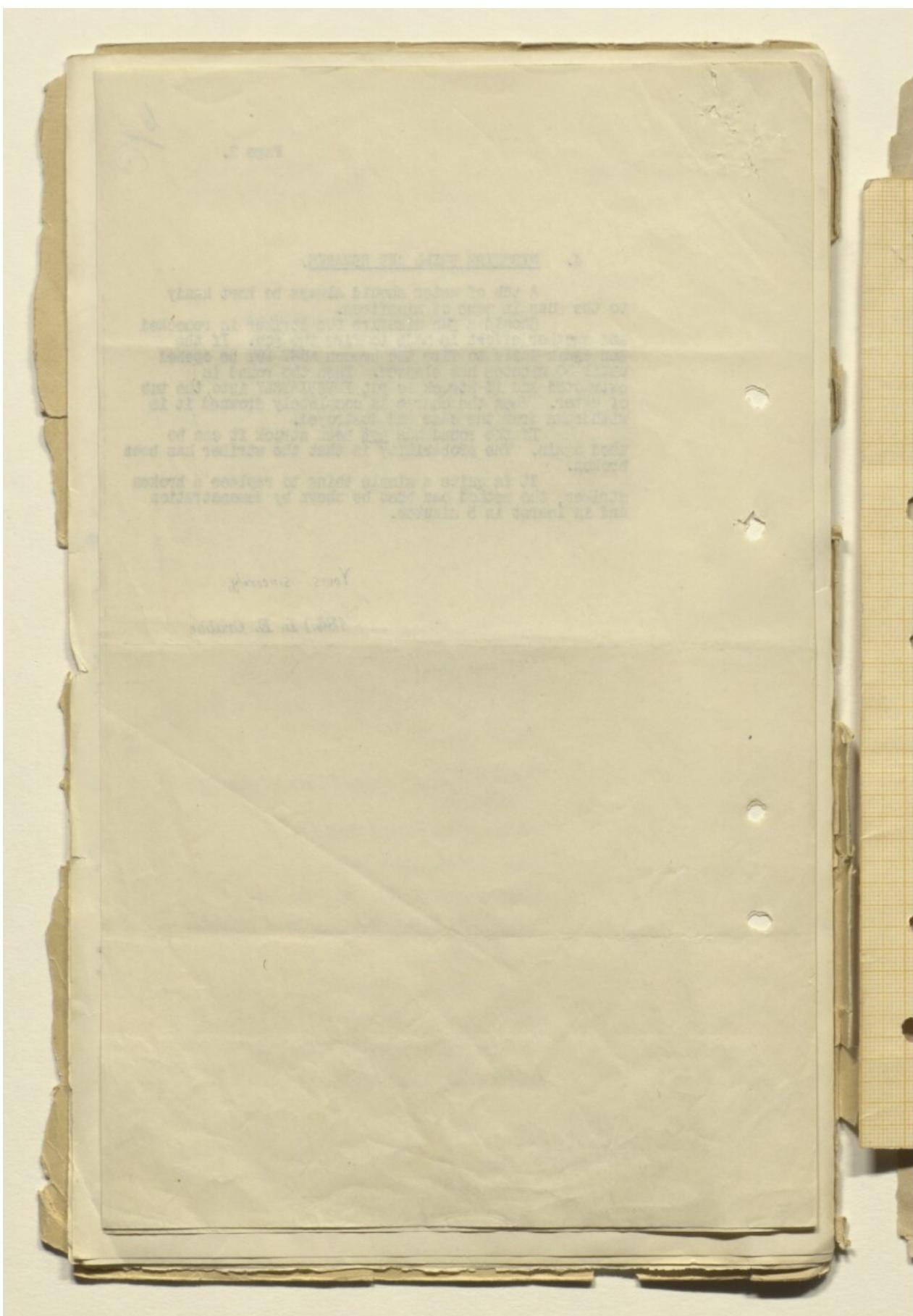
Should a gun missfire the striker is recocked and another effort is made to fire the gun. If the gun again fails to fire the breech MUST NOT be opened until 30 minutes has elapsed. Then the round is extracted and if struck is put IMMEDIATELY into the tub of water. When the charge is completely drowned it is withdrawn from the case and destroyed.

If the round has not been struck it can be used again. The probability is that the striker has been broken.

It is quite a simple thing to replace a broken striker, the method can best be shown by demonstration and is learnt in 5 minutes.

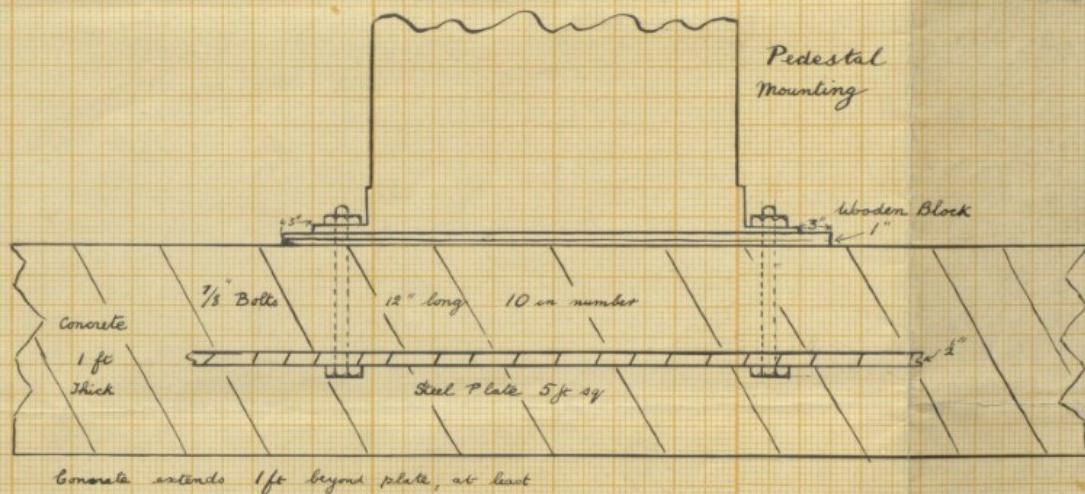
Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) L. E. Crabbe





Base for Shore Mounting of, 7
3 Pounder Saluting
Gun.

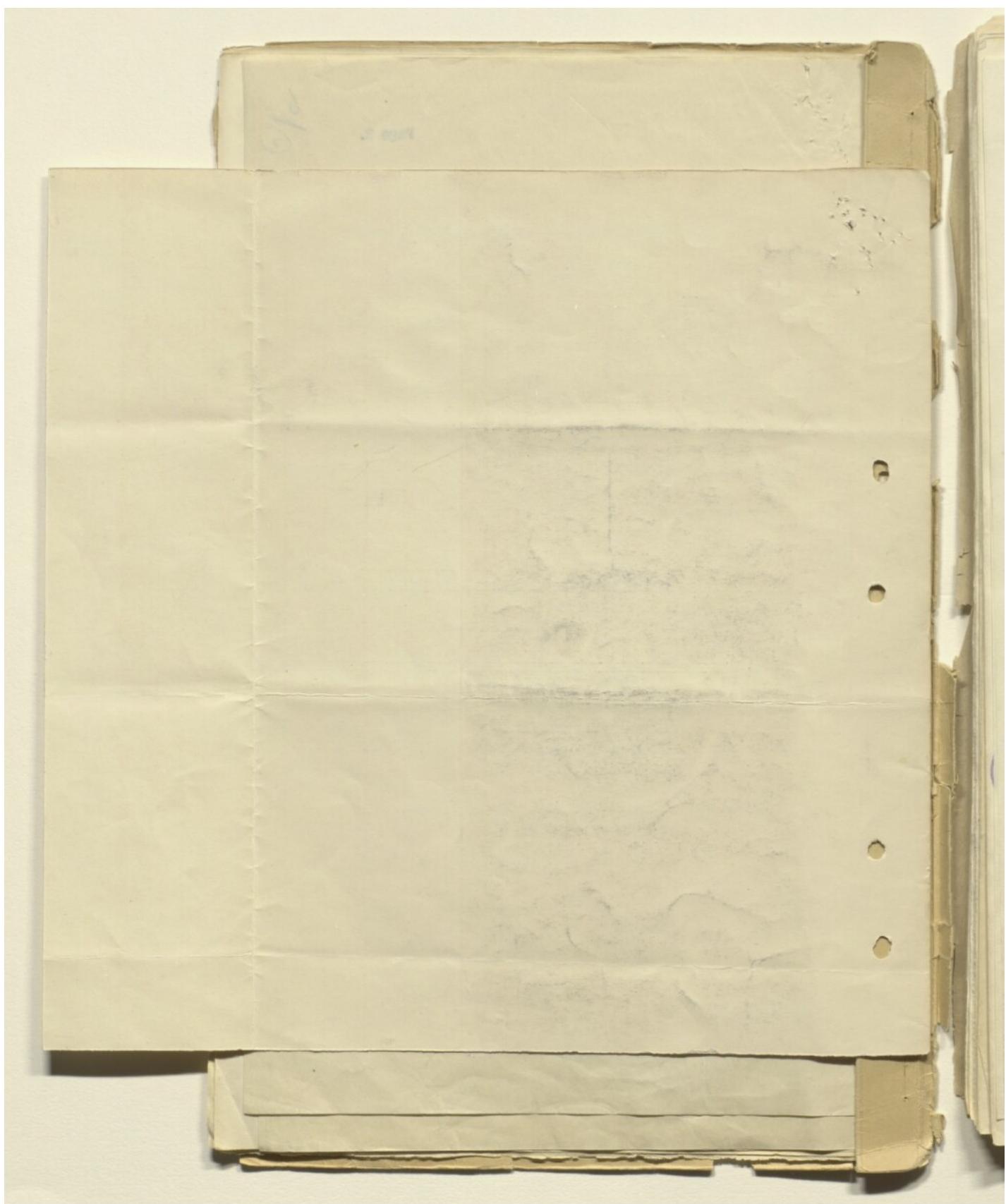


Bolts have check nuts on flying side of Pedestal

Cost of Base under £5.

Not to scale.

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D.O.No. 1028

Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 29th December 1931.

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Will you please refer to your D.O.No.C.7 dated 4th December 1931, enclosing a D.O. from the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division to Colonel Biscoe regarding the Shaikh's Saluting Gun.

2. I have discussed the matter with the Shaikh, and he asks me to say that he only wants one saluting gun, and that for his small motor dhow "Kuwait". His idea is to mount it in the bows, to give a smart appearance to his yacht, and to enable him to give the signal to his various Pearling fleets, when he goes out at the end of the season and recalls them to Kuwait.

3. The Shaikh said he was told by the Political Resident the gun all told would cost £30-0-0 and as he could only run to this amount he decided to ask the Political Resident to get one for him.

4. He does not he said want any other guns for shore saluting purposes, hence a second gun will be useless to him.

5. What the Shaikh suggests is that the Senior Naval Officer first find out what the exact cost of the single gun which he wants will come to together with naval mounting and say 50 brass cartridges (not 100 as originally asked for), and other absolutely necessary accessories, As he anticipates the total cost will come to more than £30/- now that a lot of accessories are needed.

To

Captain R.G.E.W. Alban,

Under Secretary to

the Hon'ble the Political Resident

in the Persian Gulf





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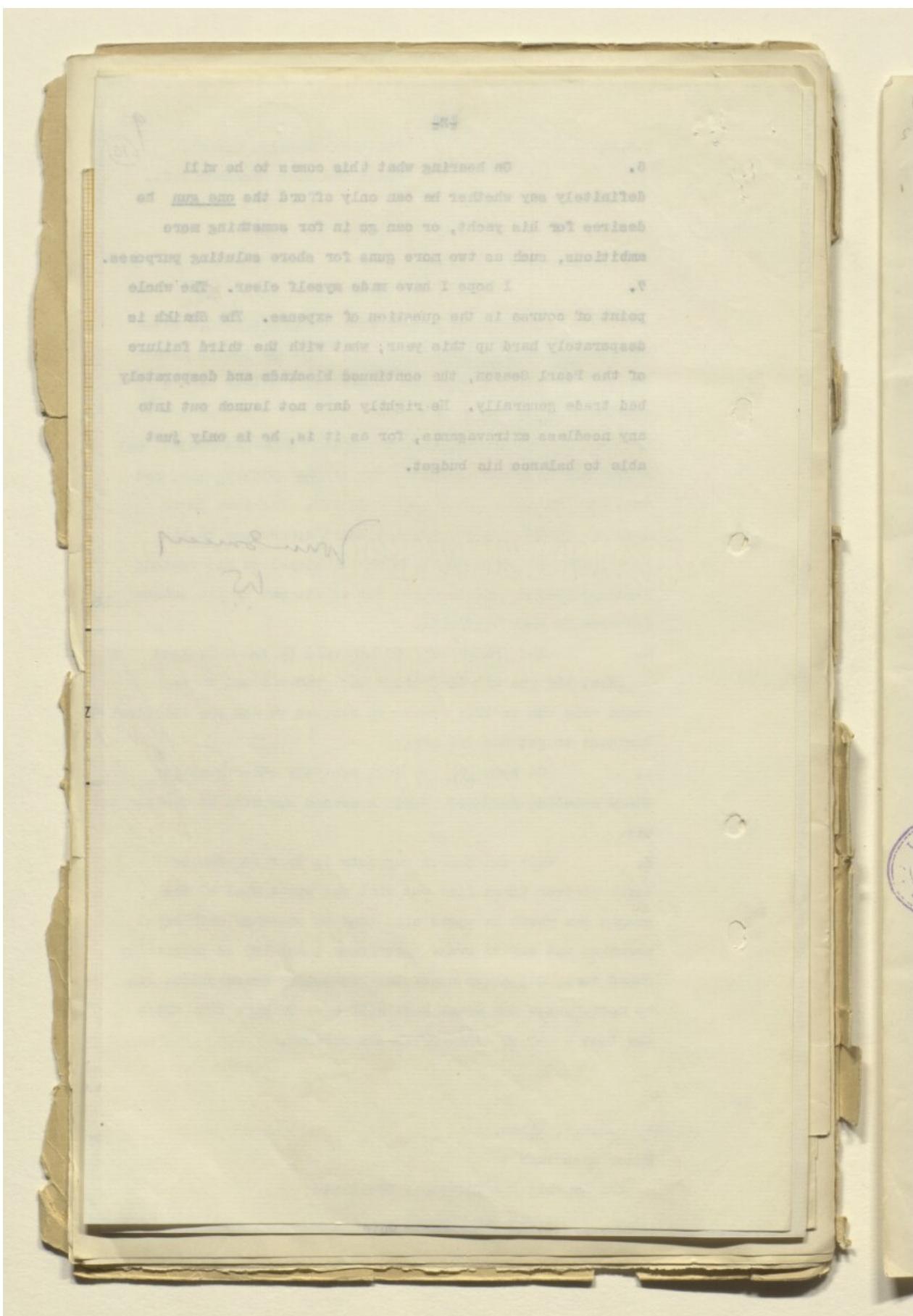
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6. On hearing what this comes to he will definitely say whether he can only afford the one gun he desires for his yacht, or can go in for something more ambitious, such as two more guns for shore saluting purposes.

7. I hope I have made myself clear. The whole point of course is the question of expense. The Shaikh is desperately hard up this year, what with the third failure of the Pearl Season, the continued blockade and desperately bad trade generally. He rightly dare not launch out into any needless extravagance, for as it is, he is only just able to balance his budget.

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D.O. No: 129

British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 19th January 1932.

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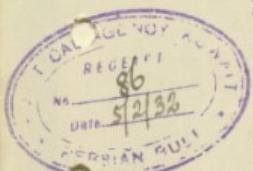
Dear Colonel Sisson,

Please refer to your D.O. No: 1023, dated the 29th December 1931 regarding a saluting gun for the Sheikh.

Colonel Biscce told the Sheikh at Kuwait that the price was round about £ 30; he was then speaking from memory. When he looked up the papers on his return to Bushire he found that the actual figure quoted for a gun for the "Patrick Stewart" by the Admiralty was £ 36-10-4, made up as follows:-

Gun.....	£ 20-0- 0-
Mark 1 mounting.....	£ 10-10-0-
Pedestal complete with H.D. rings etc.....	£ 6- 0-4-
Total	£ 36-10-4

As the third new sloop has now come out it is improbable that an opportunity of bringing the gun out free is likely to occur in the near future and it is probable that the cost of the gun with packing a few spares etc would be about £ 40/- while freight etc would have to be added to this. In these circumstances the price of the gun landed at Kuwait would be nearer £ 50 than £ 40. I am therefore desired to enquire whether the Sheikh is disposed to pursue the matter on or would prefer to wait more prosperous times. In the former event Colonel Biscce will write to the Government of India on the subject.



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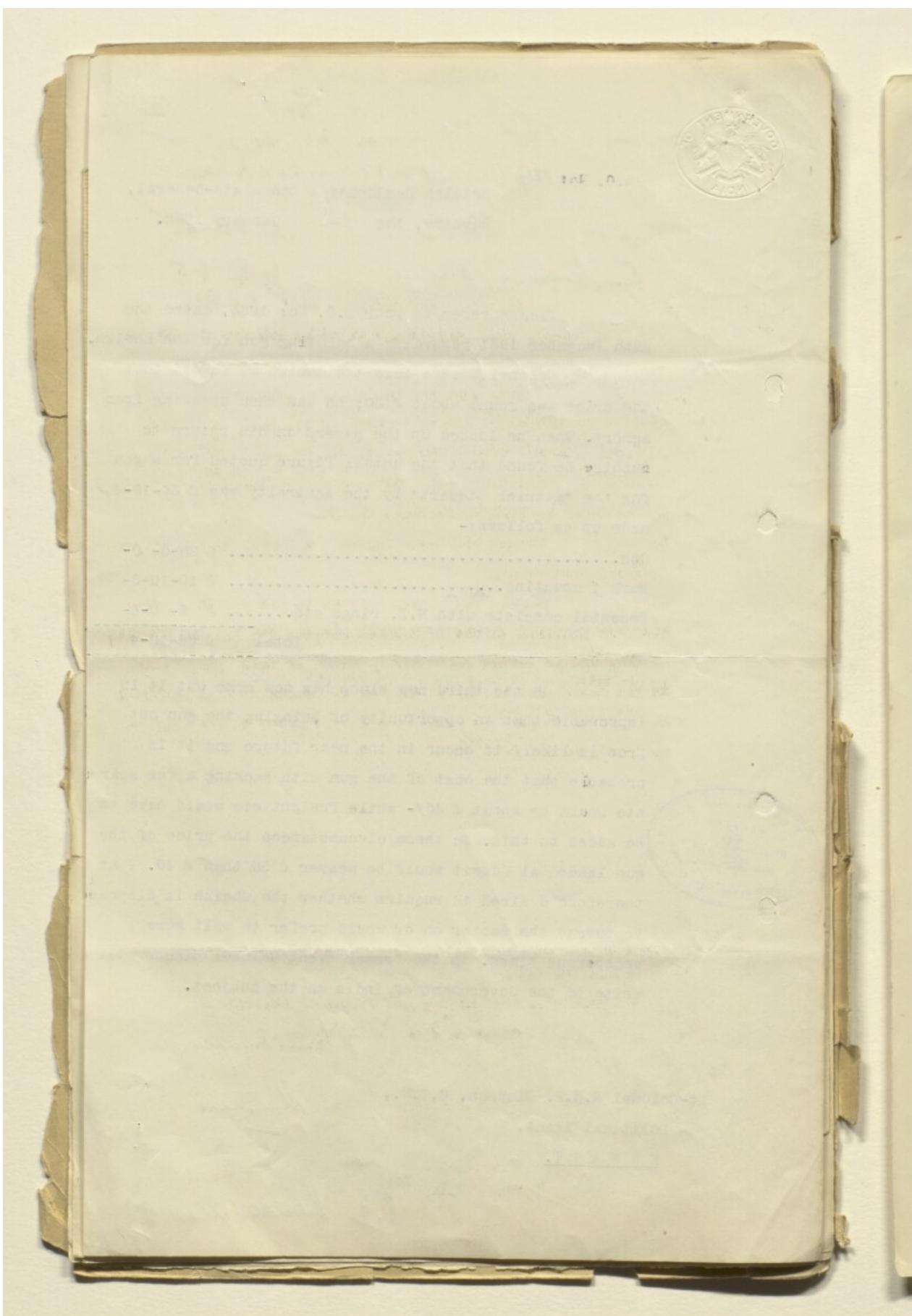
Lt-Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, C.I.E.,
Political Agent,
K U W A I T.

Yours sincerely

Maher

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P.B. Submitted below. L 7/1/32





D.O.NO.94

Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 12th February 1932.

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Will you please refer to your D.O.No.119 dated the 19th January 1932 regarding a saluting gun for the Shaikh's Yacht "Kuwait".

2. I have seen the Shaikh about the matter, and he says he is willing to run to £50-0-0 if the gun, mountings, pedestal together with a few spares and 50 rounds of saluting cartridges (solid drawn brass as used in the Royal Navy) can be delivered in Kuwait, for this figure.

3. Beyond the above figure the Shaikh is not at present prepared to go.

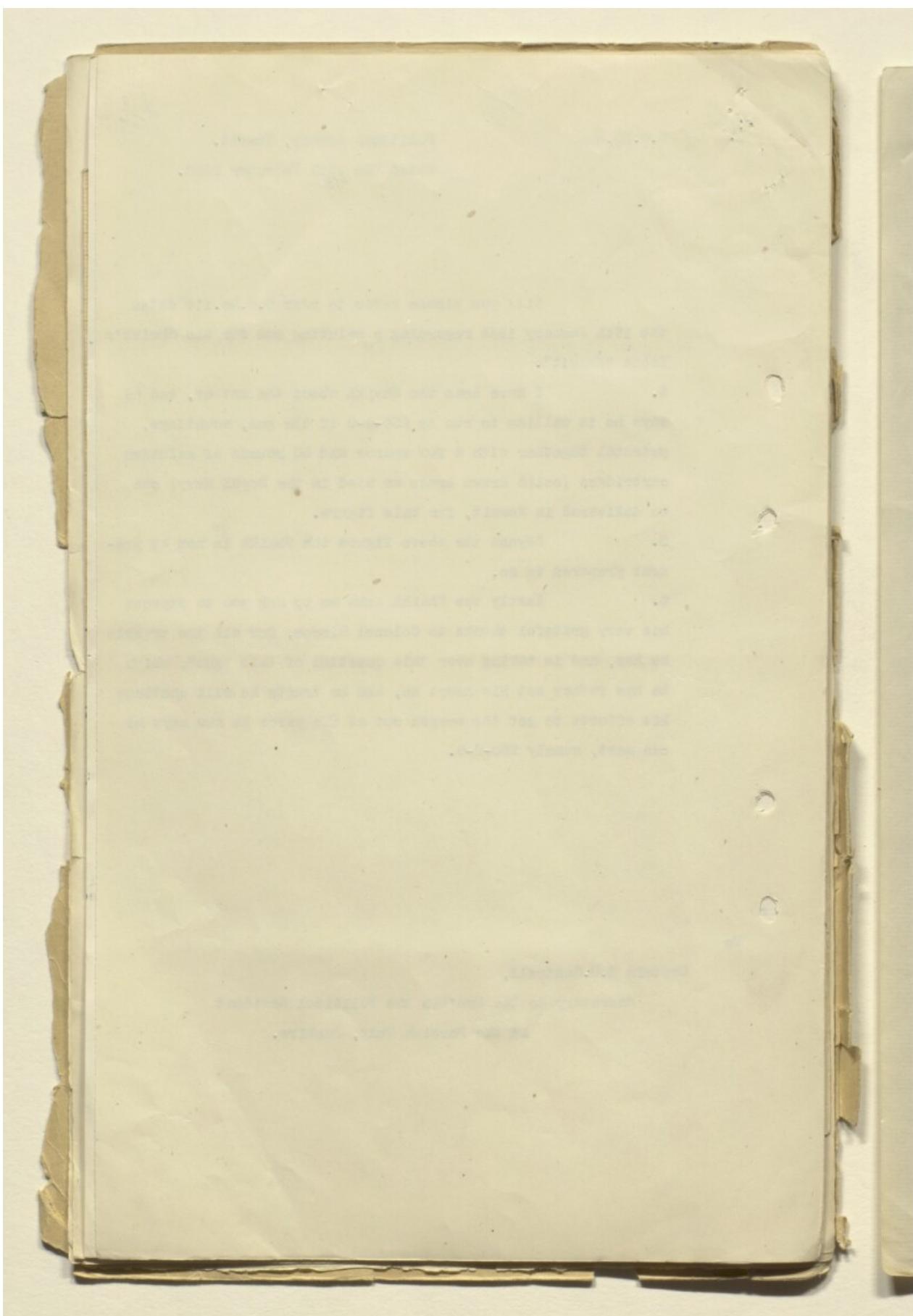
4. Lastly the Shaikh asks me to ask you to express his very grateful thanks to Colonel Biscoe, for all the trouble he has, and is taking over this question of this "gun", which he has rather set his heart on, and he trusts he will continue his efforts to get the weapon out at the price he now says he can meet, namely £50-0-0.

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To

Captain E.H.Gastrell,

Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.





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No: 464 of 1932.

British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 27th February 1932.

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the Political Agent, Kuwait, for information, with reference to his D.O. No: 94, dated the 12/15th February 1932.

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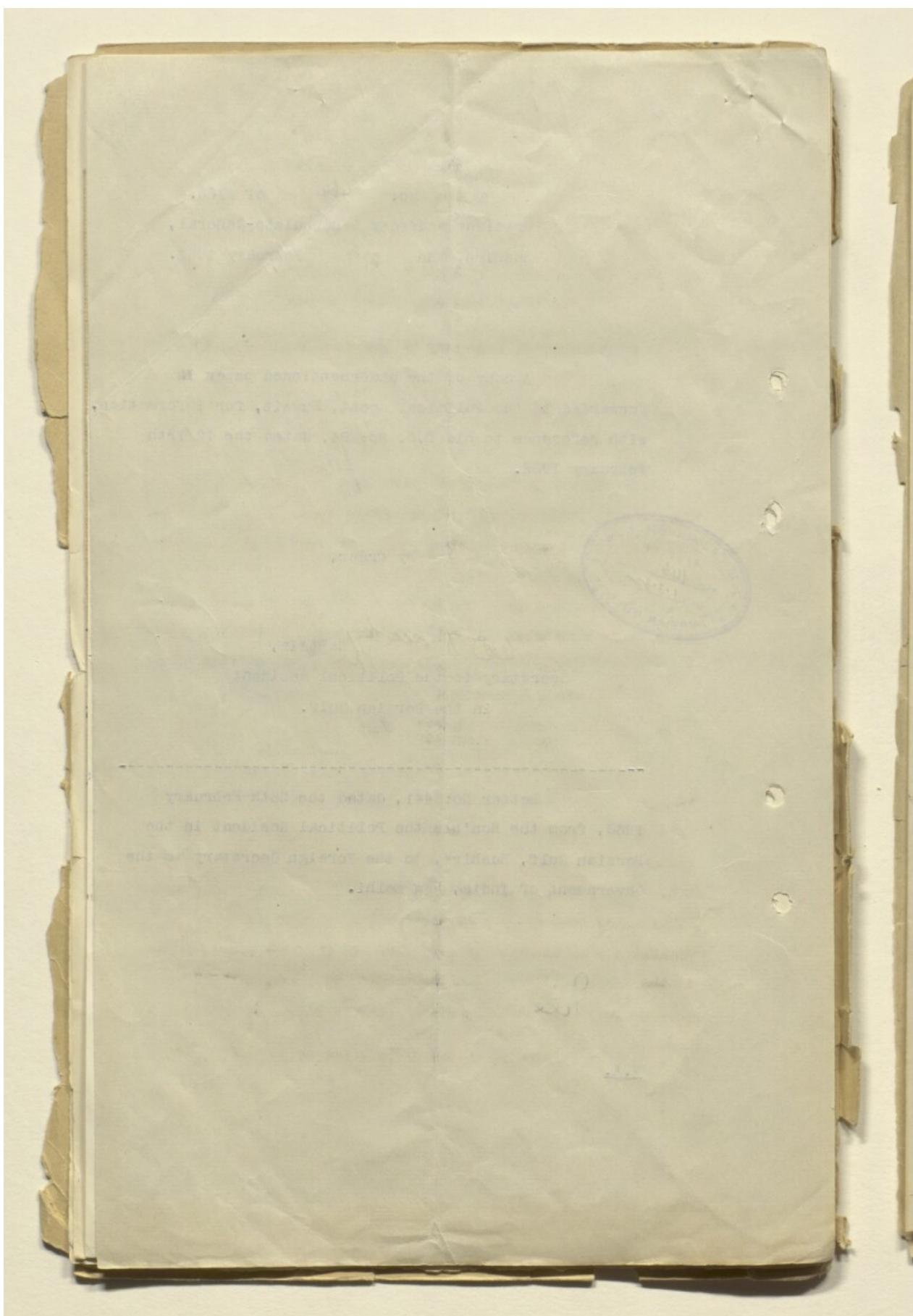
By Order,

W.M. Mackay, Captain,
Secretary to the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

Letter No: 441, dated the 28th February 1932, from the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire, to the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, New Delhi.

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No. 141 of 1932.

British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 28th February 1932.

From - The Hon'ble Lt. Colonel H.V. Biscoe, I.A.,
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To - The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Shaikh of Kuwait has recently built himself a large motor dhow. To it he wishes to fix a three-pounder saluting gun to be used to give signal to the pearl fishing fleets, etc.

2. Sometime ago I was informed that the price of this gun, made to fire blank and not live shell, was as follows:

Guns	...	£ 20. 0. 0	each
Mark 1 Mountings	..	" 10.10. 0	"
Pedestals complete } with H.D.Rings, etc. }vv		" 6. 0. 4	"
Total		£ 36.10. 4	

In addition the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division, ... informs me that the articles shown in the attached list would probably be required.

3. I should therefore be much obliged if the Admiralty could be asked whether they could supply such a gun to the Shaikh, and if so what the cost would be with the spares shown in the attached list. The Shaikh does not wish to spend more than £ 50 on the purchase of the gun landed in Kuwait.

I am sending a copy of this letter to His Majesty's
Secretary ...



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Secretary of State for India.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

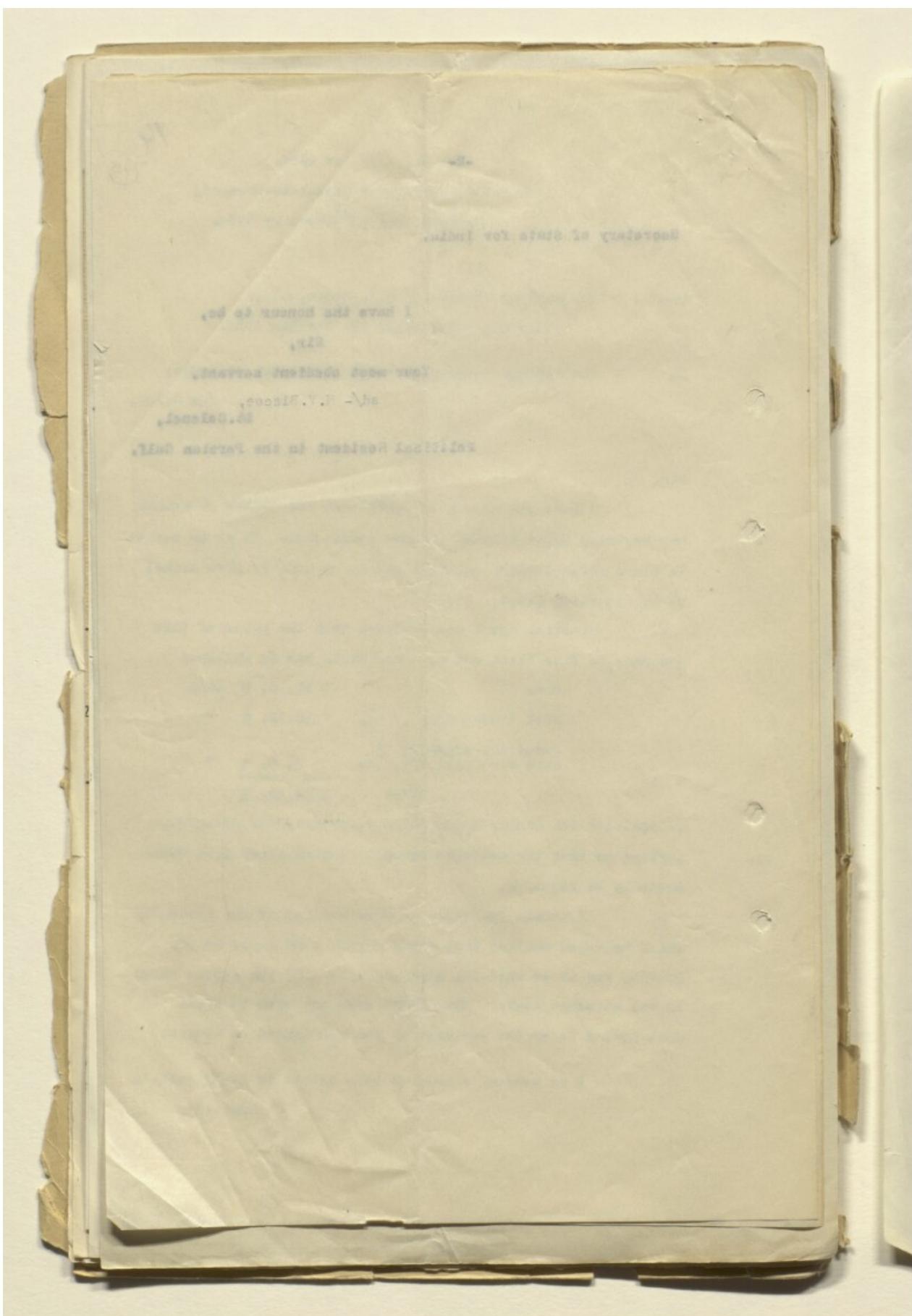
Your most obedient servant,

sd/- H.V.Biscoe,
Lt.Colonel,

Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.



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No. 849 of 1932.

British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 23rd April 1932.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Political Agent, Kuwait, for information, in continuation of this office letter endorsement No. 464 of the 27th February 1932.

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By order,

G. H. Braden

Captain,

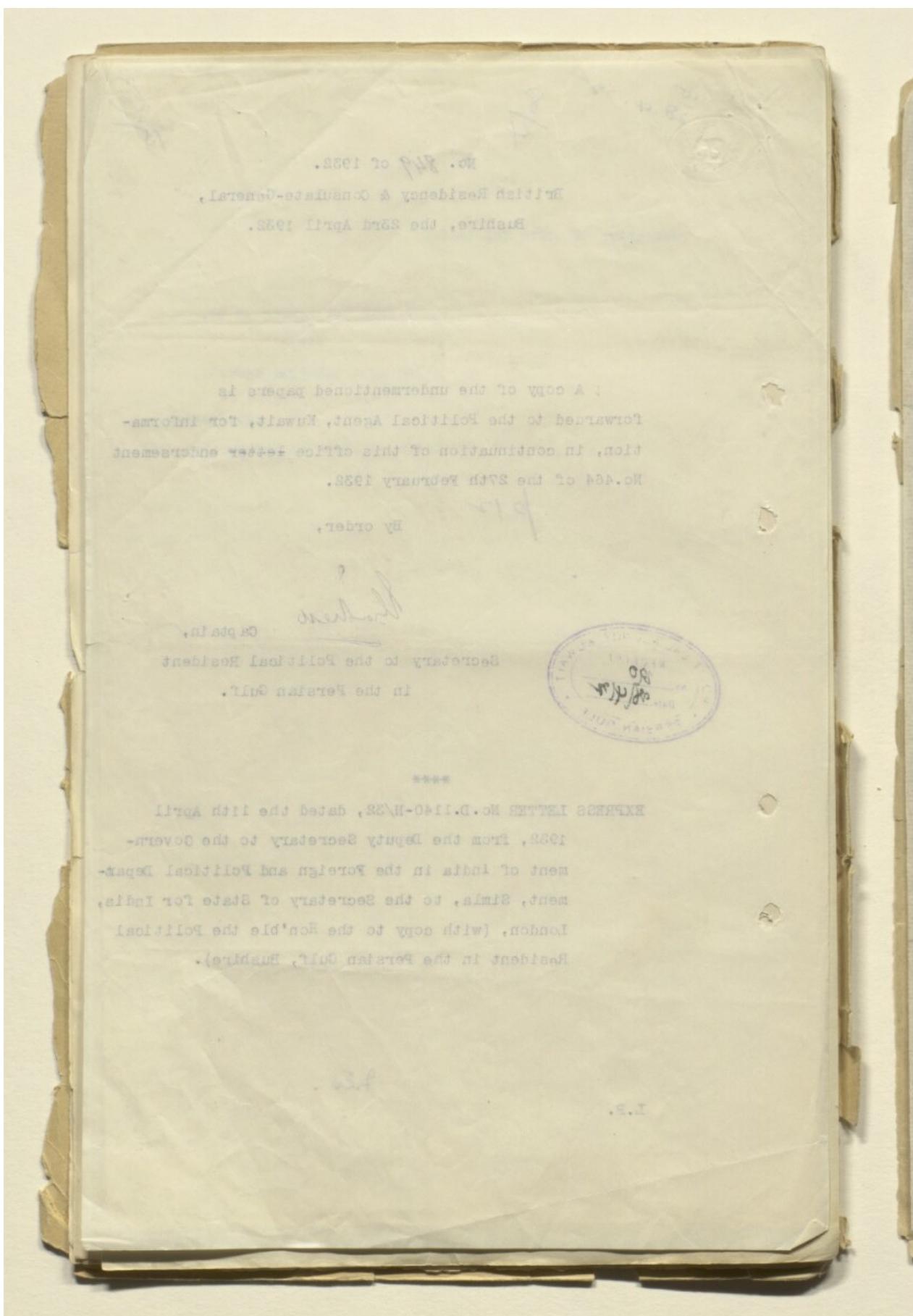
Secretary to the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.



EXPRESS LETTER No.D.1140-N/32, dated the 11th April 1932, from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, Simla, to the Secretary of State for India, London, (with copy to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire).

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Government of India.
Foreign & Political Department.

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EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL).

No. D. 1140-N/32.

Dated Simla, the 11th April 1932.

Secretary of State for India, London.

Reference Bushire letter of 28th February 1932, No. 441 of 1932.

Saluting gun for motor dhow of Sheikh of Kuwait.

2. We see no objection to Sheikh fitting his motor dhow with a saluting gun, and would be glad if enquiries could be made from Admiralty as desired in paragraph 3 of Resident's letter.

The issue of the above has been authorised.

Sd. H. A. F. Metcalfe,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy for information to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in
the Persian Gulf.

By order, etc.,

Sd. H. A. F. Metcalfe,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.



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No. 1174 of 1932.

British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire the, 8th June 1932.

Copy of undermentioned paper is forwarded to
the Political Agent, Kuwait, for information, in continuation
of this office endorsement No. 849, dated the 23rd April 1932.

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By Order,

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Captain,

Secretary to the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.



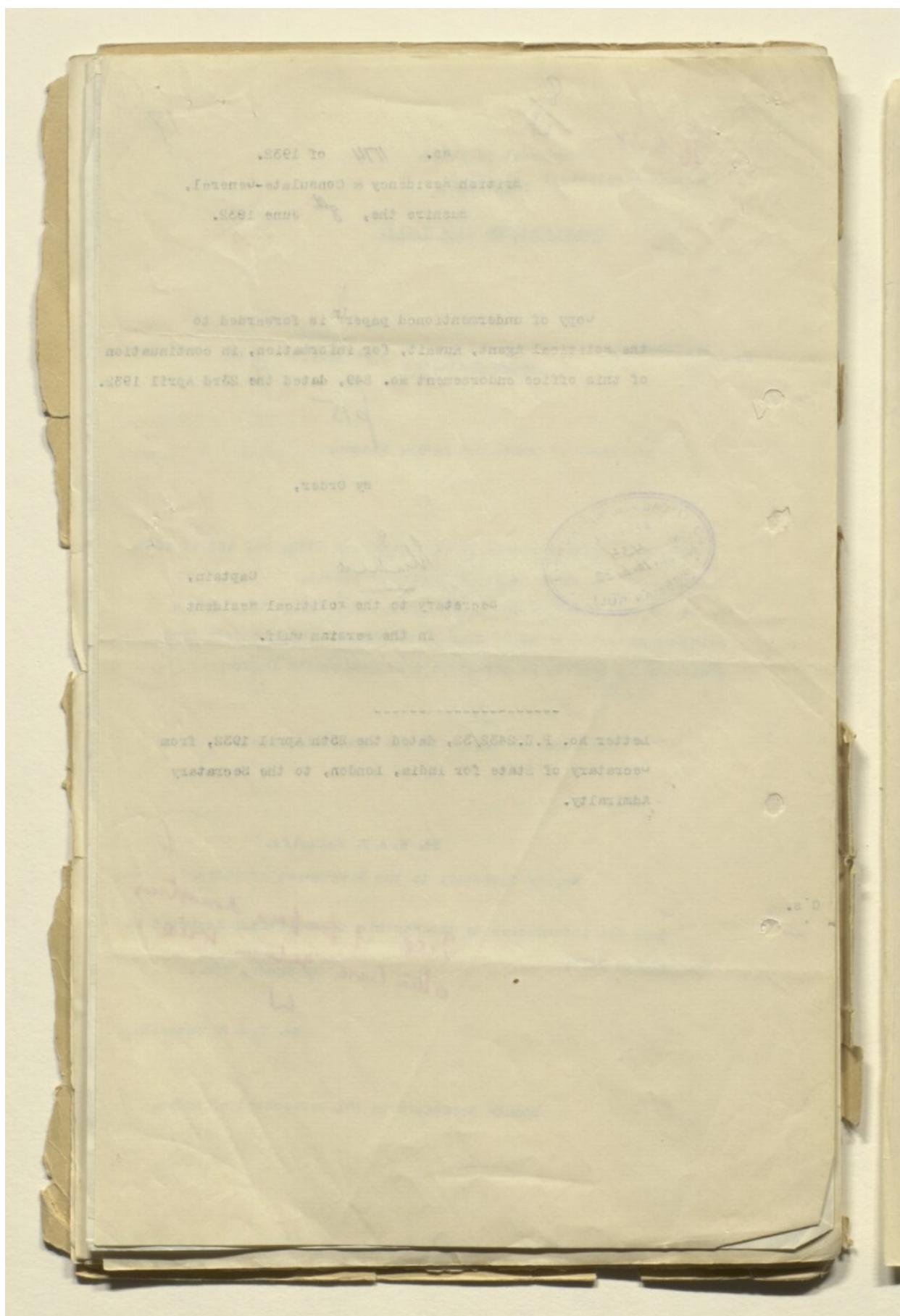
Letter No. P.Z.2432/32, dated the 25th April 1932, from
Secretary of State for India, London, to the Secretary
Admiralty.

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'File 4/38 Supply of Saluting Gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait' [18v]
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P.Z.2432/32.

Andia Office,

whitehall,

London, S.W.1

25th April, 1932.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to refer to the Despatch dated 28th February from the Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Government of India a copy of which was forwarded to the Admiralty under cover of Mr. Clauson's demi-official letter dated 18th March No. P.Z.1576/32, on the subject of the sheikh of Kuwait's desire to buy a three-pounder saluting gun for his new motor dhow.

2. An express letter, of which a copy is enclosed, has now been received from the Government of India, and I am to request that if the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty see no objection the possibility of supplying such a gun from Admiralty stores may be considered.

3. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Foreign Office and Colonial Office.

Dated
11.4.32

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) E.P. Donaldson

The Secretary
Admiralty.





No. 1713 of 1932.

British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 24th August 1932.

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A copy of the undermentioned paper, with enclosures, is forwarded to the Political Agent, Kuwait for information and necessary action in continuation of this office endorsement No. 1174, dated the 8th June 1932.

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By Order,

Macdonald

Captain,

Secretary to the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.
VSS.

Letter No. F.164-N/32, dated the 11th August 1932 from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

With 15 June 1933

Review & return again

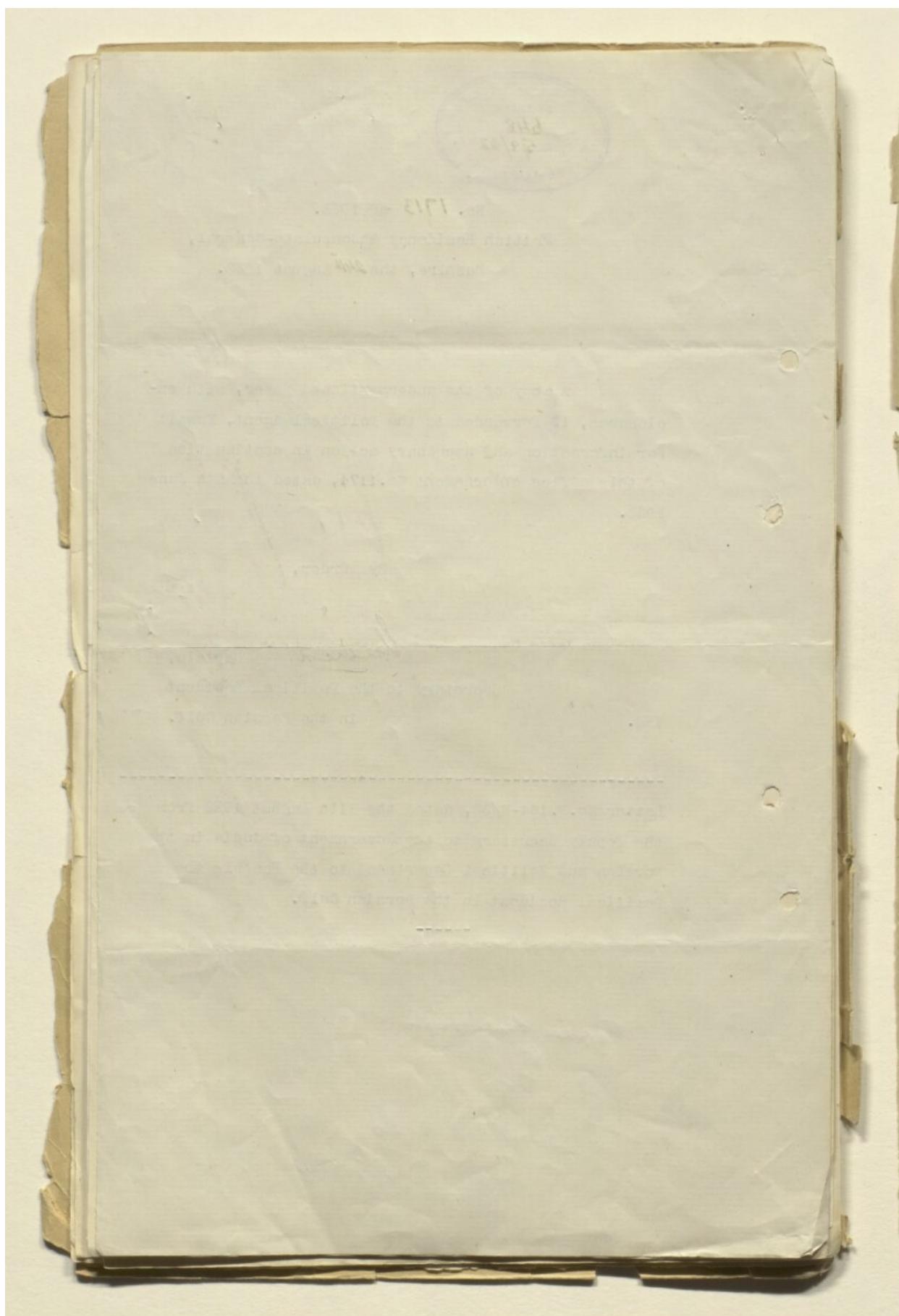
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S.G.*

P.A. Submitted please

12/9/32.



'File 4/38 Supply of Saluting Gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait' [20v]
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No. F.164-N/32.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To

The Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

Dated Simla, the 11th August 1932.

Desire of the Sheikh of Kuwait to buy a
saluting gun for his motor dhow.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with
endorsement from the Government of India in the Foreign
and Political Department, No.D.1140-N/32, dated the 11th
April 1932, I am directed to forward a copy of letter
from the India Office, No.P.Z.4146/32, dated the 21st
July 1932, with enclosure, and to request that the
Government of India may be informed whether the Sheikh
of Kuwait desires to proceed with the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. E. T. R. Wickham,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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H.O.R.T.64-H\S5.

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The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
in the Ministry and Political Department
to

the Secretary of Political Department
in the Western Gulf.

SIR

2500 Bangalore 11th April 1948
Dear Sirs, etc
Details of the speech to H.M.S.
arriving here for his motor show.
etc

SIR

With reference to the correspondence and
instructions issued to India in the letter
dated 25th March, 1948, relating to the
and Political Department, H.O.R.T.64-H\S5, I am
hereby enclosing a copy of telegram to
you dated 11th April, 1948, under the title
that you may be informed of the
Government of India's desire to proceed with the matter.
I have the honor to be
Yours
most respectfully yours
S. R. T. R. Wilson

SIR

With reference to the
Government of India's desire to proceed with the matter.



It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-mentioned letter and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State for India,
Political Department,
India Office,
London, S.W. 1.

P. Z.4146/32.

INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

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21st July, 1932.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with the Government of India's express letter No.D.1140-N/32 dated 11th April, I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of India copy of a letter from the Admiralty dated 9th July, from which it will be seen that it will be possible to supply a 3-pounder saluting gun for the Sheikh of Kuwait's new motor dhow from Admiralty stock at a total cost of £59.17.0, excluding cost of packing and transport. The cost of packing and transport would amount to approximately £9 in addition, but it may be possible to reduce this by sending out the gun in one of His Majesty's ships. It will be observed that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty would require prepayment.

The Government of India will no doubt in due course inform the Secretary of State whether the Sheikh desires to proceed with the matter.

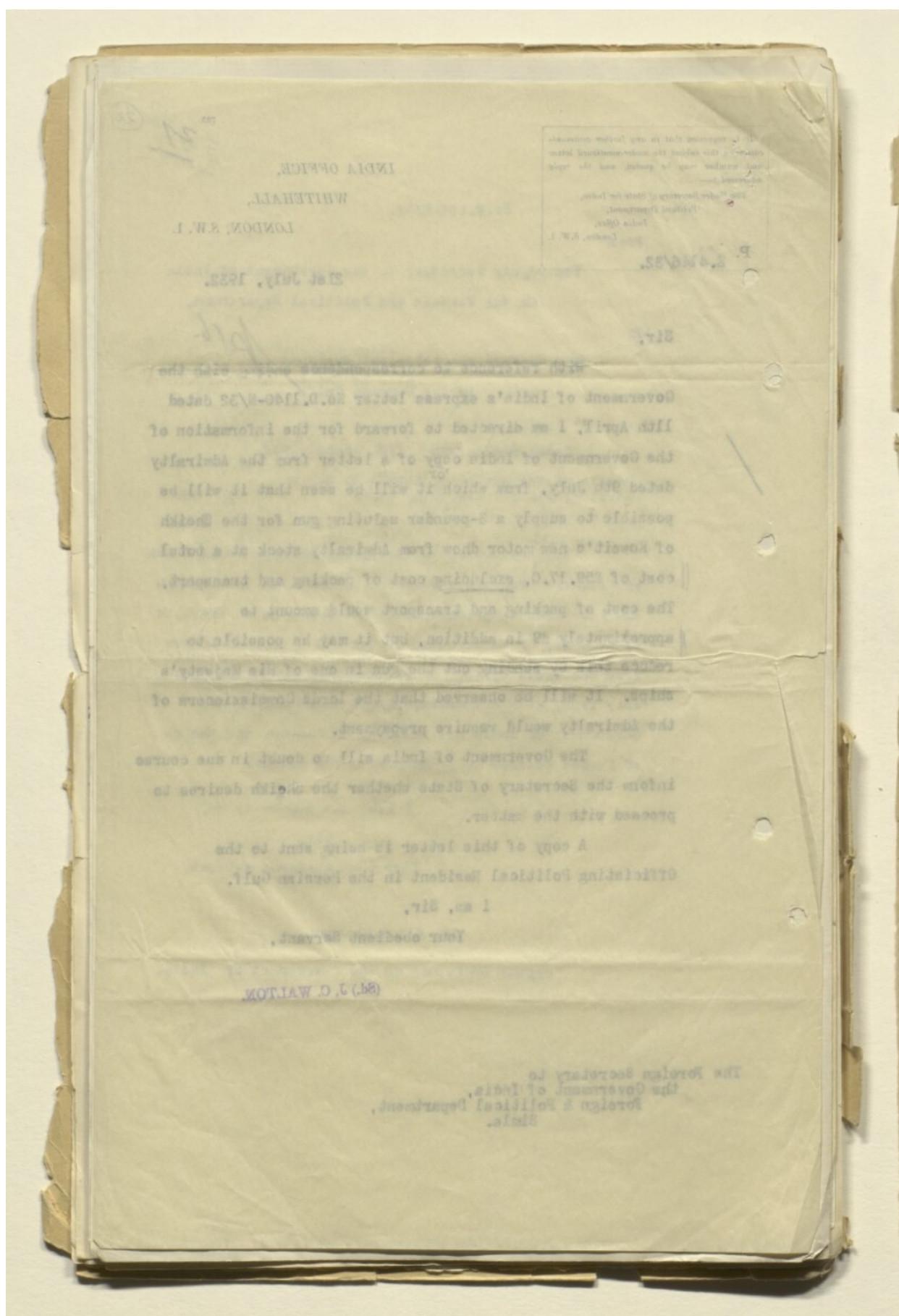
A copy of this letter is being sent to the Officiating Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) J. C. WALTON.

The Foreign Secretary to
the Government of India,
Foreign & Political Department,
Simla.





P.Z. 4146/32.

ADMIRALTY, S. W. L.

M. 1995/32.

9th July 1932.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No.P.Z.2432/32, of 25th April 1932, concerning the desire of the Sheikh of Kuwait to buy a three pounder saluting gun for his new motor dhow, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that it would be possible to supply such a gun from Admiralty stock. The cost complete with all fittings and with the spares and ammunition (25 cartridges, charges and primers) quoted in the list attached to the letter from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf No.441, of the 28th February 1932, would be £59.17.0. The cost of packing and transport would amount to approximately £9 in addition, but it might be possible to reduce this by sending out the gun in one of H.M. Ships. Prepayment would have to be required.

Copies of this letter have been sent to the Foreign Office and Colonial Office.

I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) S.H. PHILLIPS.

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The Under-Secretary of State,

India Office,

S. W. L.





No. 8/4/ 625

Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 20th September 1932.

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From

Lieutenant-Colonel H.R.B. Dickson, C.I.E.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.

To

The Secretary to the
the Hon*ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

Saluting Gun for His Excellency the
Shaikh of Kuwait.

Sir,

In reply to your No. 1713 dated the 24th August 1932 I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Shaikh is agreeable to pay £59-17-0 for the 3 pounder Saluting Gun together with fittings, spares and 25 rounds of ammunition (blank), to be supplied by the Admiralty, and notes that this excludes the cost of packing and transport which will approximate to £9-0-0, if the gun is sent out by cargo steamer.

2. His Excellency notes also that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will require prepayment, and requests to be favoured with a reply as to how such payment is to be made. He would prefer to pay by cheque.

3. As the Kuwait 1932 Pearl Season is to end on 25th September 1932, for which he particularly wanted the gun in order to signal by means of shots fired to the various diving fleets, that the season had closed, the Shaikh desires me to say that he now will not require the gun till 1st June 1933. He has fixed this date (namely 9 months from now) purposely in order to take advantage of the Admiralty's kind offer to send out the gun by means of one of H.M.S. ships if opportunity arises, thereby saving £9-0-0 freight and packing.





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4. It is presumed that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will not require to be paid the above £9-0-0 until, it is quite certain that none of H.M.S. ships will be available or able to bring out the gun.

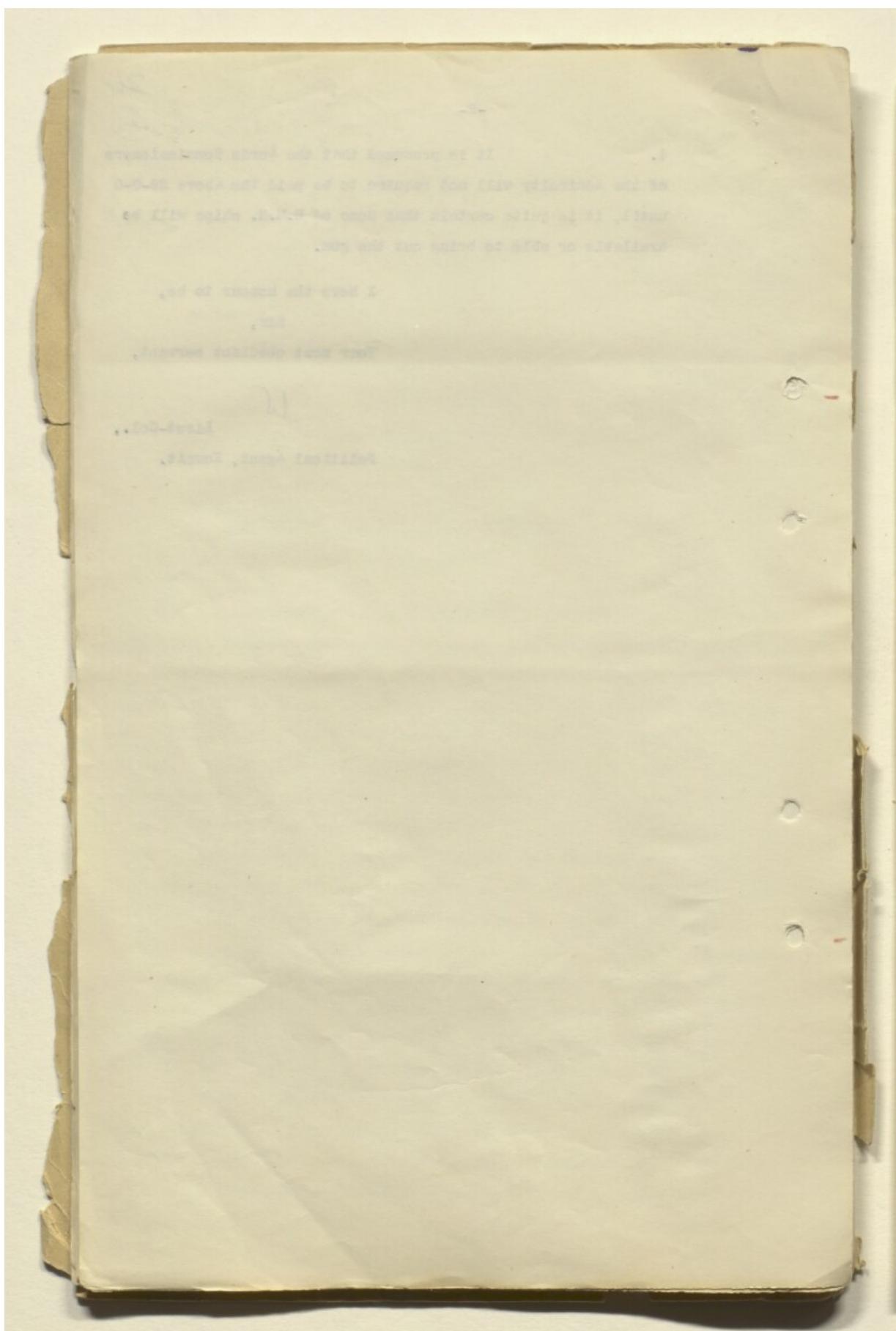
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Lieut-Col.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.





No. D.O. 2044

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British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 4th October 1932.

Saluting gun for His Excellency
the Sheikh of Kuwait.

Dear Colonel,

In order to avoid delay and disappointment
Colonel Fowle asks me to suggest that it would be better
for the Sheikh to prepay the full amount to cover cost
of gun plus freight, say £69-0.

Should the Admiralty be able to ship the gun
on one of His Majesty's ships a refund of the whole or
part of £9 would no doubt be made by them, but it would
be sad if the gun were held up just because the Admiralty
being unable to effect shipment, would not send by ordinary
steamer without cash in advance.

A Sterling Demand Draft on London would be
easiest form of remittance.

Yours sincerely

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To

Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, I.A.,
Political Agent,
Kuwait.

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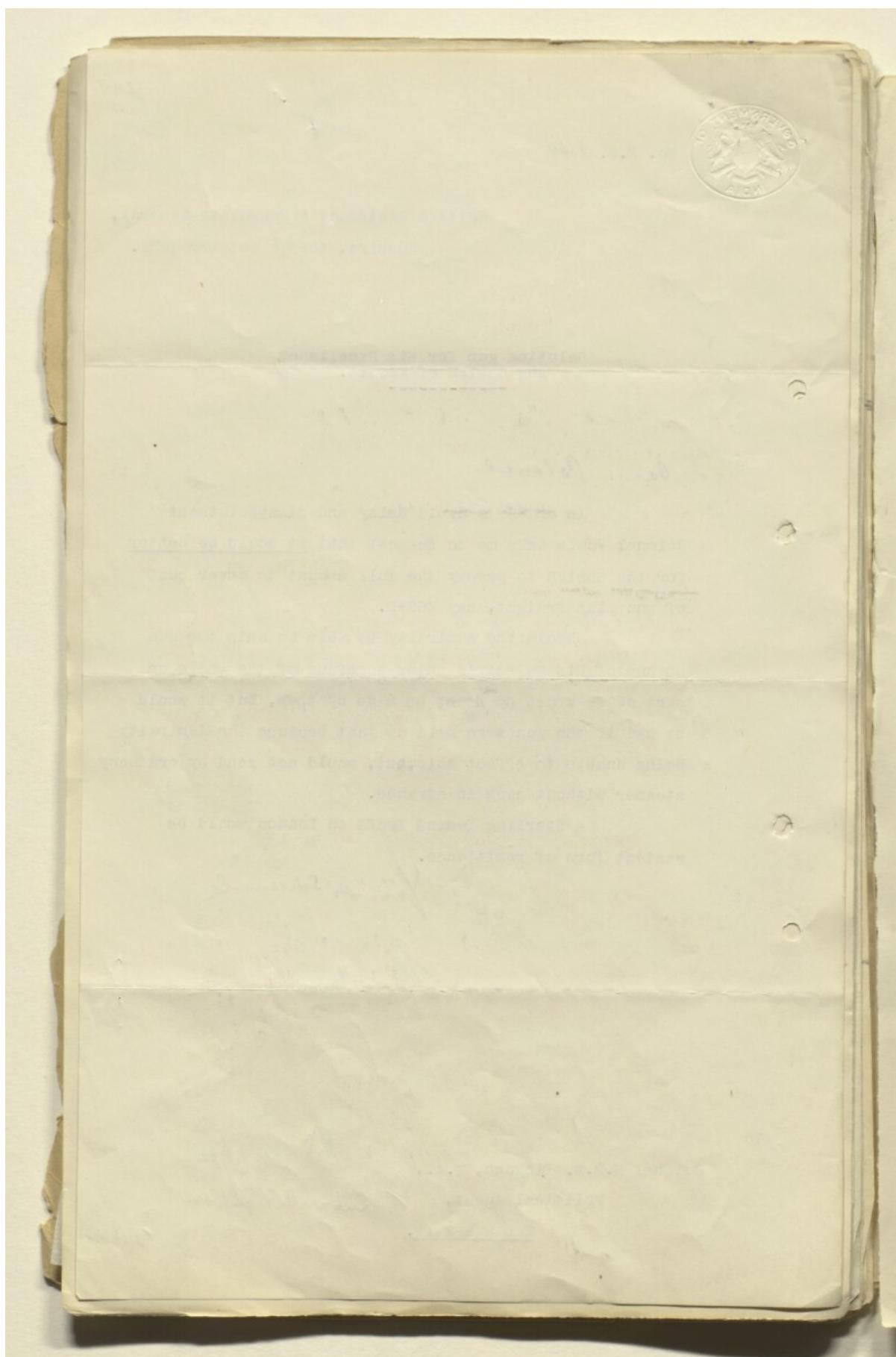
H.P.

Submitted please

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No. 717.

Political Agency, Kuwait.

Dated the 24th. Jamad Thani 1351.
25th October 1932.

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To

His Excellency the Ruler of Kuwait,
Kuwait.

After compliments,

I have the honour to forward to Your Excellency
as already promised a translation of the Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Political Resident's letter D.O.No.2044 dated 4th
October 1932 to myself regarding the saluting gun which Your
Excellency has expressed the desire should be purchased from the
Admiralty, London, for your motor yacht.

2. Your Excellency will note that the Hon'ble the
Political Resident strongly advises that Your Excellency should
send a cheque for the full amount of £ 69/- so as to avoid dis-
appointment, or delay in sending out the gun. Should it turn
out that the Admiralty can send the gun to Kuwait by one of
His Majesty's ships, then no doubt the £ 9/- sent in excess will
be returned to Your Excellency.

3. I would suggest therefore that Your Excellency
send me a cheque on your London Bankers for £ 69/- made payable
to:
"The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty"
I will then forward the cheque to Bushire, and ask the Secretary
to kindly forward same to the proper authorities in London, with
a formal request that the gun, mountings and ammunition be sent
out if possible by one of His Majesty's ships, so as to reach
Kuwait before 31st April 1933, failing this it should be sent by
direct cargo steamer.

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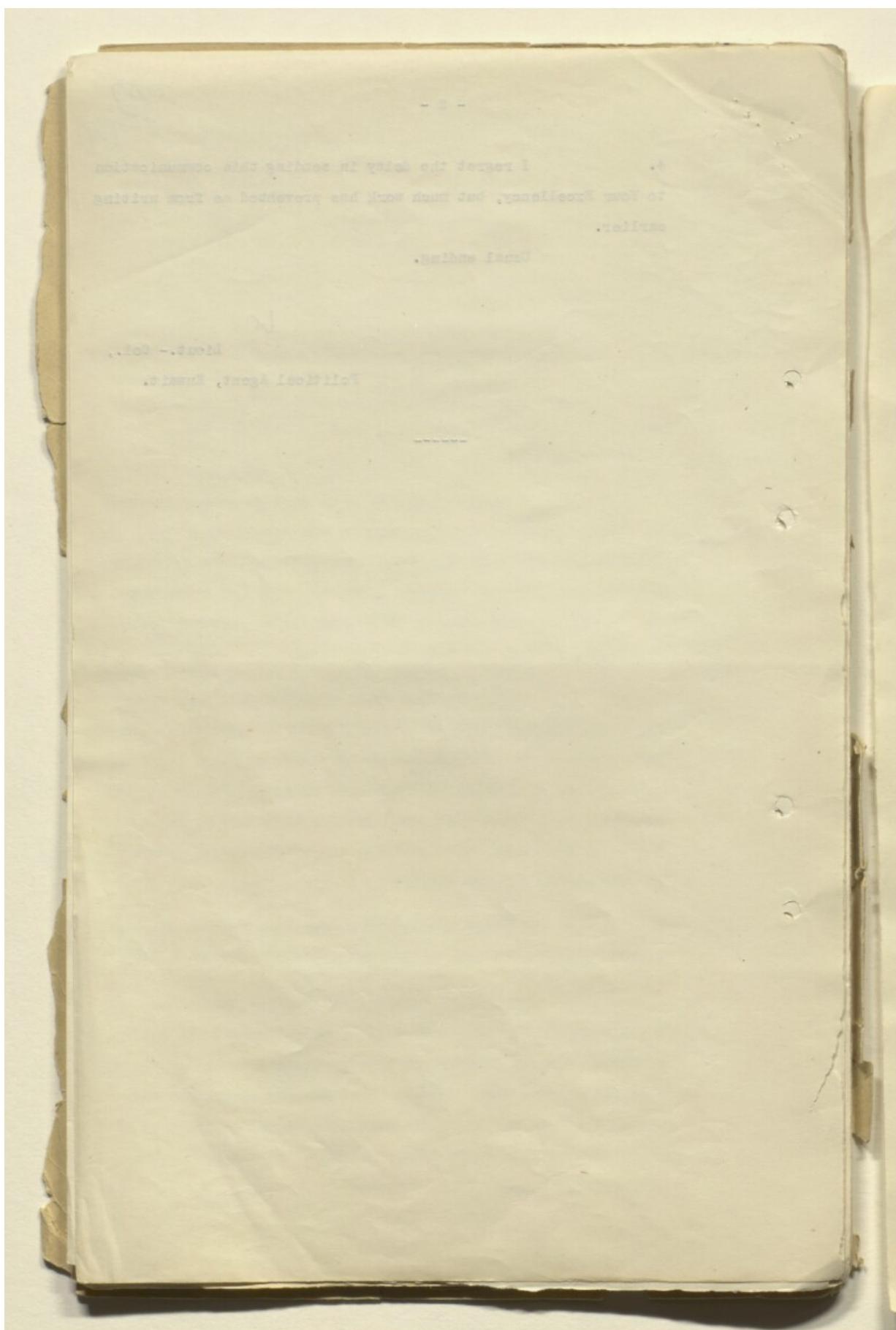
4. I regret the delay in sending this communication to Your Excellency, but much work has prevented me from writing earlier.

Usual ending.

Lieut.- Col.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.



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Translation of a letter.

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From - H. E. Shaikh Sir Ahmad al-Jabir as-Sabah, K.C.I.E.,
C.S.I., Ruler of Kuwait, Kuwait.

To - The Political Agent, Kuwait.

No.R/689.

Dated the 29th Jamad Thani 1351 (30th October 1932).

After compliments,

With the hand of pleasure I have received your letter No.717 dated 24th Jamad Thani 1351 (25th October 1932), together with the translation of the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident's letter, regarding the saluting gun which it is my desire to/purchased from the Admiralty, London, be and noted the contents of both.

I am still determined to my desire of purchasing same, and herewith you can find a cheque No.W50L015, on Loyds Bank, London, for the whole sum of £69/- payable to:

"The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty"
as suggested by you.

The £.9/- pounds sent in excess shall be returned, should the gun be sent by one of H.M.S. ships.

I am very grateful, indeed, and should thank the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf for his kind attention.

Usual ending.





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حضره الاكرم الانضم محمد الشيم المحب المزير مصاحب السعادة الشيخ سر
احمد الجابر الصباح - كني. سى. آئى. اى. - سى. اس. آئى.
حاكم الكويت المختار .

وستلا حظون سعادتكم ان فخامة رئيس الخليج الفارسي يمصح كثيرا
مان برسل سعادتكم شهقا بجملة المبلغ وهو ٦٩٠ باون لاجتناب التمهيد او
التأخير في ارسال المدفع . فان ظهران بعون القيادة البحريه يمكتها ان ترسل
المدفع الى الكوت في احدى بوارج صاحب الجلاله البريطانيه - فحيثذلك لا شك
في ان ١٠ باونات المرسله زياده ستراجع الى سعادتكم .

٣- بناءً عليه اقترح ان ترسلوا لي شيكًا على البنك الذي تساملوا به في لندن بمبلغ ٦٩ باون تدفع الى -

"The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty"

• ماهورى اجراء الامور البحريه •

وحيثـ سارـل الشـيك الـى بوـشهر راجـها السـكرـتـرـانـ بيـعـثـهـ إـلـىـ الـمـلـطـاتـ المـخـصـهـ
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الـنـقلـ رـاسـاـ .ـ

٤٠ اني اناسف لتأخير ارسال هذا الخطاب الى سعادتكم الا ان الاشتغال
الكثير منعنى من الكتابة قبل الان . و تفضلوا بقول فائق الاحترام .
الكونت في ٢٤ - ١٢٥١ المطابق ٢٥ أكتوبر ١٩٣٢ . مخلصكم

W. Lt.-Col.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.
الكويت ايج آر بي دكتن
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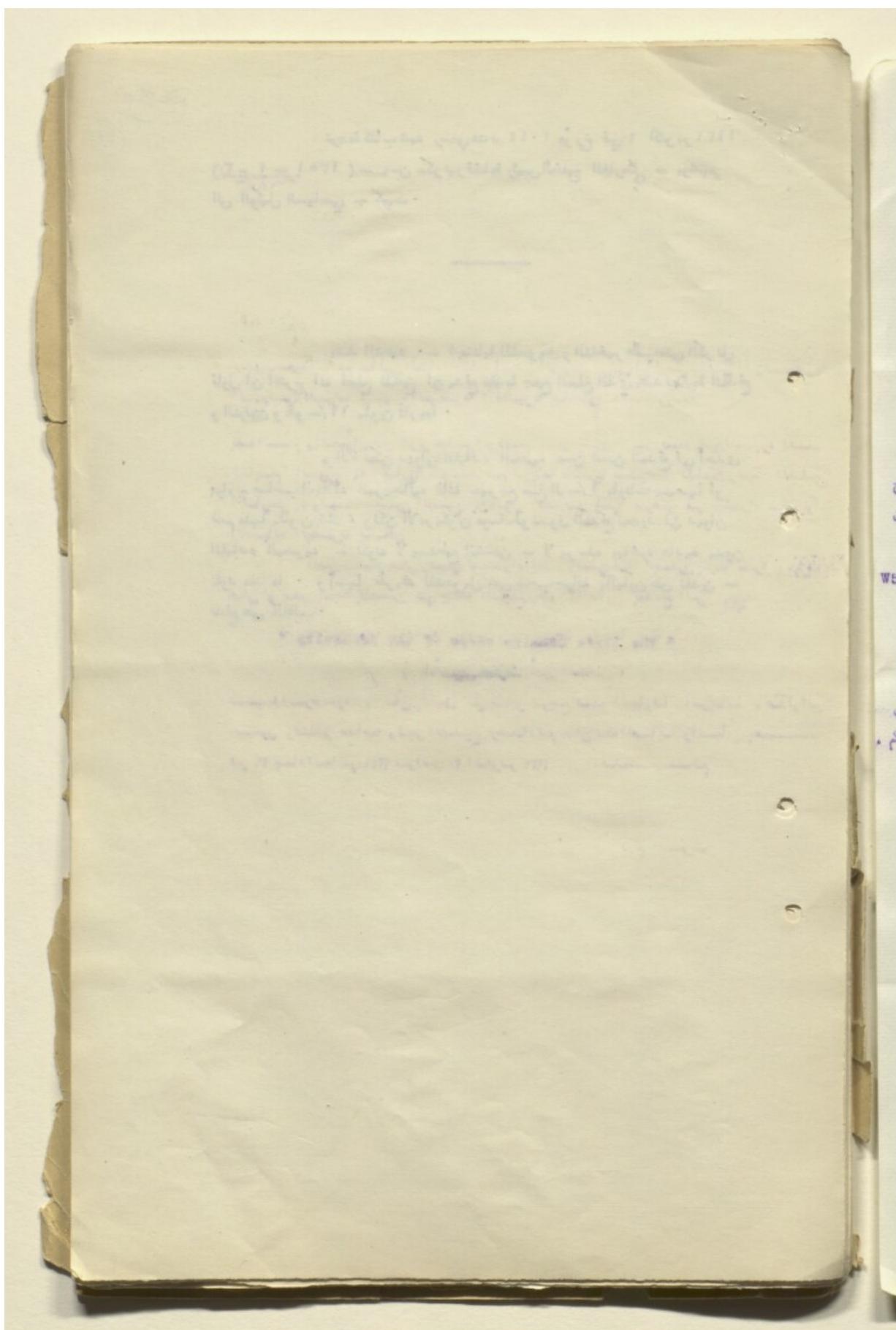
ترجمة كتاب شبه رسمي عدد ٢٠٤٤ مولى في ٤ أكتوبر ١٩٣٢
(٣ - ٢ - ١٣٥١) - من سكرتير فخامة رئيس الخليج الفارسي - بوشهر
إلى الوكيل السياسي - الكويت.

بعد التحية . - اجتناباً للتشويق والتأخير طلب مني الكريل
فاول ان اقترح انه اصلح للشيخ ان يدفع مقدماً جميع المبلغ الذي يسد دينية المدفع
والنولن وهو - ٦١ باون تقريباً .

و اذا تمكن ديوان القيادة الموريه من شحن المدفع في أحدي
بوارج صاحب الجلاله الموريطانيه فإنه سيرجع مبلغ الـ - ٦ باونات جمعها او
قسم منها بدون شك ، ولكن الامر يكون موسف لو تحقق القدفع لمجرد ان ديوان
القيادة الموريه - لكونه لا يستطيع الشحن - لا يرسله بمراخره عاديه بدون
نقود مقدماً . وأسهل طريقه للتحويل هي سحب حواله بالباون على لندن -
تدفع على الطلب .



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نمره

حضرت حميد الشيماني الجاه الأفخم المحب العزيز كرنتل ارج ارمي دكمن الوكيل
السياسي للدول البحيرية الانكليزية بالكونغدام بحربيا

بعد السلام والسؤال عن عزيز خاطركم دمت بخير وسازور — بسمه بيد المسره اخت
كتابكم الموسوعه ^{٢٤} الجاري ^{١٣٧٧} مع ترجمة مكتوب سكرتير غفامة رئيس الشئون
النارسي ، وفهمت مضمون الجميع يخصوص المدفع الطلق نرحب في مشتراه من يوم
القيادة البحريه بلبنان

أعني مصمم على رغبتي لمشترىذاك ، وسطي هذا تبدين جيك نسره ٥
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على لو يعنى يسناك يبلندن في حملة المبلغ ومو ٦٩ بادن يدفع الى : %

" The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty "

(مأمورين اجراً المؤمر البحري)

حسب ما اقرحتموه ، شأن تحمل في مسوى ترجع نسب الباونات الزباده ، هداواني
مسنن وشكراً لفخامة رئيس الفيلق وصادركم على هذه المعايير والباري يمسنطكم ،
في ٢٩ بيساد الثاني ١٣٥١ موسافى ٣٠ اكتوبر ١٩٣٢ **محمد** لكم

حاکمِ الکوت

V.O. Carbine Translation
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عدد ٤٢٢

حضره الاكرم الاعظم حمد بن عبد الله المزبور صاحب السعادة الشيخ سر
احمد الجابر الصباح - كني "سي آي اي" - سي ان آي
حمساكم الكريمة المحترم *

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بعد السلام وتقديم الاحترام والسؤال عن عزيزو شريف حاطركم
لي الشرف ان اعرفكم بوصول مكتوب سعادتكم رقم ٦٨٩ المؤرخ في ٢١ ج ٢
١٢٥١ (٢٠ اكتوبر ١٩٣٢) والشيك الذي بطيء المسحوب على لودس بنك
في لندن بمبلغ ٦٩ باون تدفع الى

"The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty"

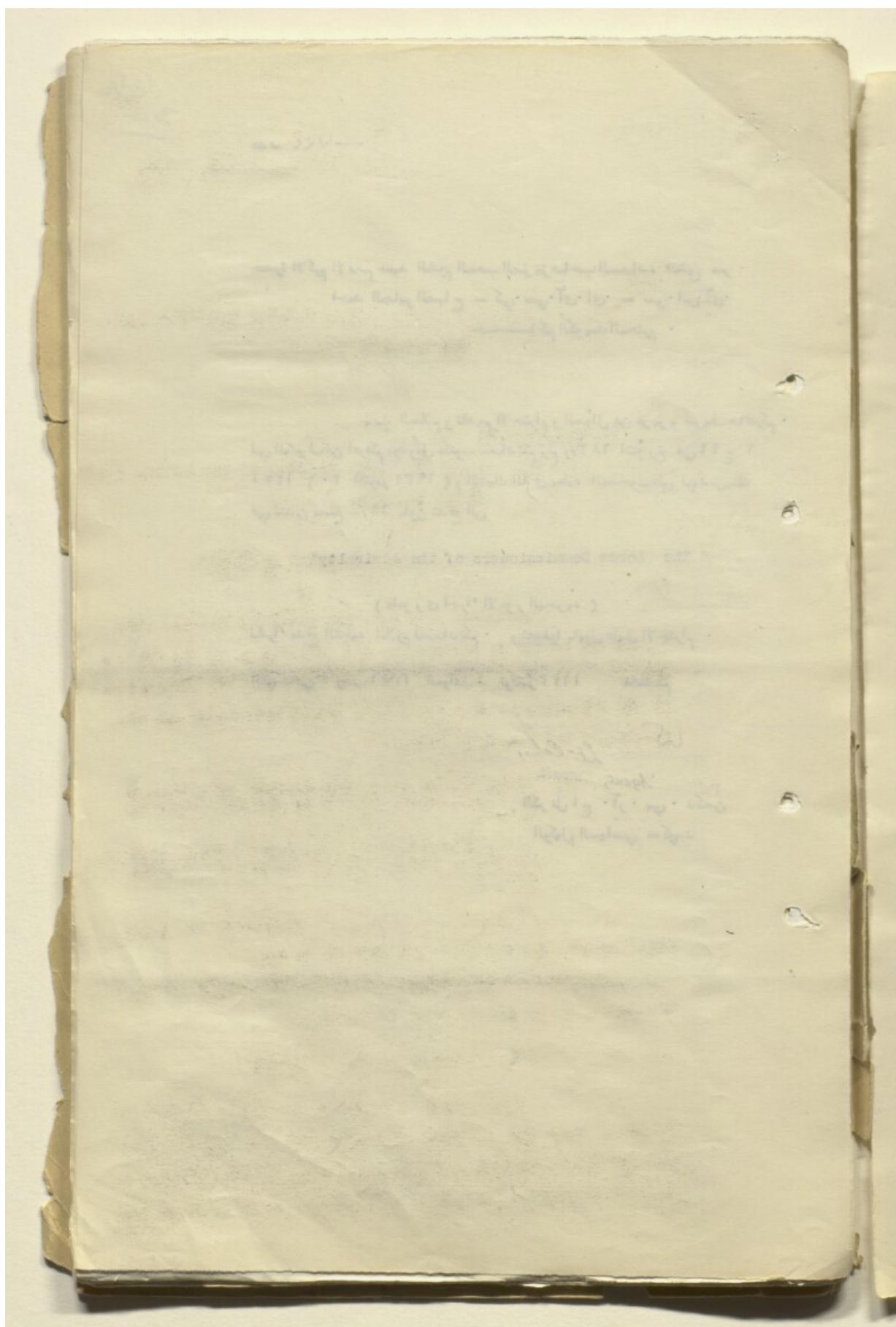
(ماهرى اجراء الامور البحرية)
لشراء مدح التجهيز اللازم لسعادتكم . وتفضلوا بقبول عاليق الاحترام .

الكويت في ٢ ربى ١٢٥١ الموافق ١ نوفمبر ١٩٣٢ محلتم

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St. Col.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.
الكرمل اج آر. بي. دكن
الوكليل السياسي - الكويت



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No. 737.

Political Agency, Kuwait.

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Dated the 2nd November 1932.

From

Lieutenant-Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, C.I.E., Political Agent,
K u w a i t.

To

The Secretary to
The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
B u s h i r e.

Saluting gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait.

Sir,

Reference your D.O.2044 dated 4th October 1932.

I have the honour to forward for the information of the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, English translations of the following letters which have passed between me and His Excellency the Shaikh of Kuwait:

- (a) Letter No. 717 dated 25th October 1932, from the Political Agent, Kuwait, to His Excellency the Shaikh.
- (b) Letter No. R/689 dated 30th October 1932, from His Excellency the Shaikh, to the Political Agent, Kuwait.

2. I also enclose a cheque No.W.50L015, on Lloyds Bank, London, for £.69-0-0 made payable to the "Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty", which the Shaikh has sent me as an enclosure to his letter.

3. Both letters speak for themselves.

4. I should be glad if you would kindly forward the cheque to the proper quarters in London with the formal request that the gun, mountings and ammunition with spares complete, be sent out if possible by one of H.M.S. Ships, so as to reach Kuwait before



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before 31st April 1933 - Failing this it should be sent out by direct cargo steamer.

5. You will no doubt be able to arrange for the refund of £.9-0-0 sent in excess, should it be found possible to send the gun out in one of H.M.S.Ships.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

br
Lieut.-Col.,
Political Agent, Kuwait.





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Translation of a letter.

From - H. E. Shaikh Sir Ahmad al-Jabir as-Sabah, K.C.I.E.,
C.S.I., Ruler of Kuwait, Kuwait.

To - The Political Agent, Kuwait.

No.R/689.

Dated the 29th Jamad Thani 1351 (30th October 1932).

After compliments,

With the hand of pleasure I have received your letter No.717 dated 24th Jamad Thani 1351 (25th October 1932), together with the translation of the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident's letter, regarding the saluting gun which it is my desire to be purchased from the Admiralty, London, and noted the contents of both.

I am still determined to my desire to purchase same, and herewith you will find a cheque No.W.50L015, on Lloyds Bank, London, for the whole sum of £.69-0-0 payable to the "Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty", as suggested by you.

The £.9-0-0 sent in excess shall be returned, should the gun be sent by one of H.M.S.Ships.

I am very grateful, indeed, and should thank the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf for his kind attention.

Usual ending.



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1870-71 Indiana ridge-line house with stumps of old - about
1870-71 house should be taken down.

RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS

1870-71 house should be taken down and old house

RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS

new building even - approach to land will not
allow houses there - roof made from logs from river bottom
and will not be replaced until new one is built - new
one will be made from logs from river bottom -
old building will be sold - new one will be
replaced by new one - new building will be
located to continue old before new

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No. 2335



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The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

The Political Agent,

K u w a i t ,

and is directed to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents.

British Residency
and Consulate-General,
BUSHIRE.

Dated 12th November....

b33 Reference to previous correspondence:
Kuwait letter No. 737, dated the 2nd November 1932.

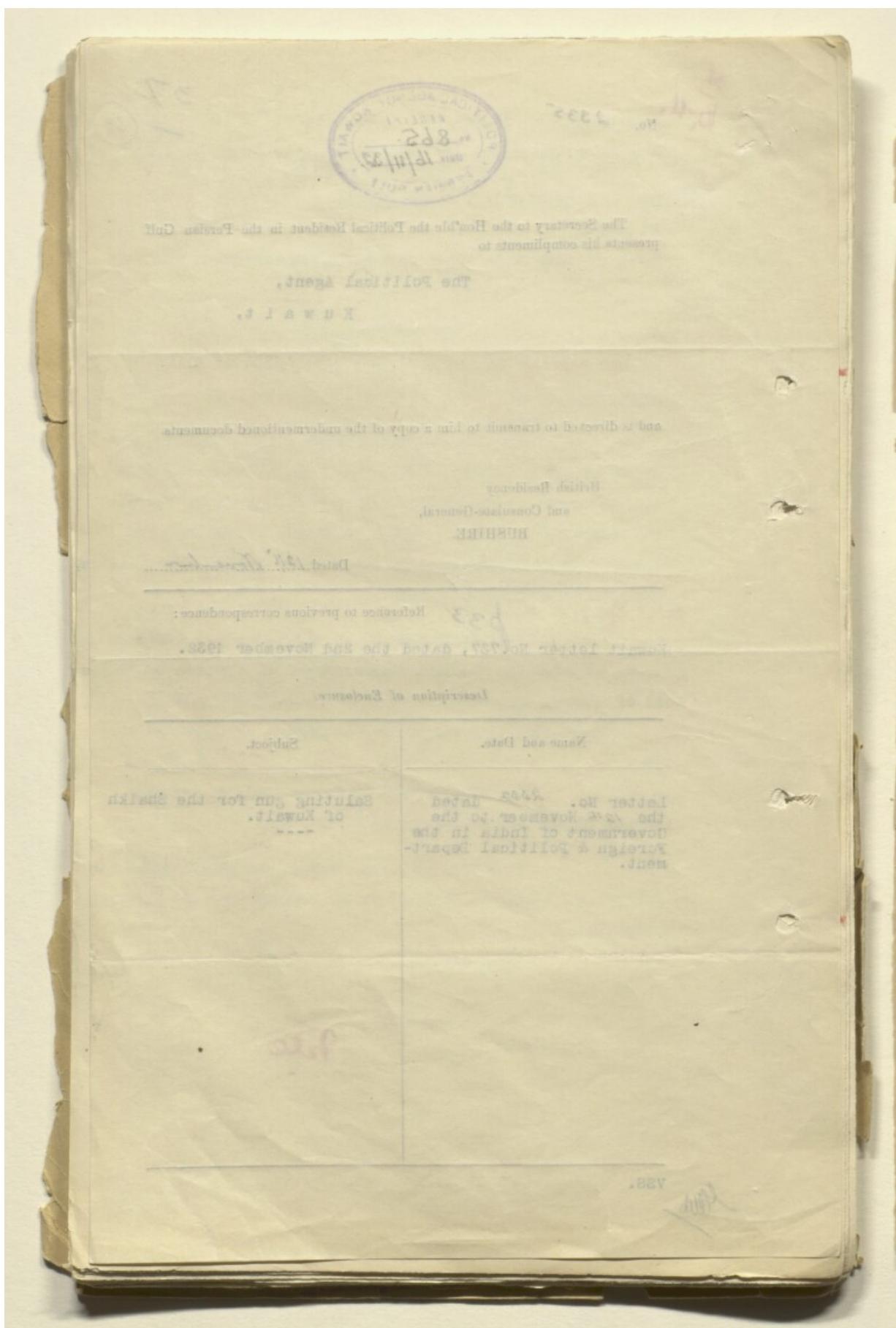
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Name and Date.	Subject.
Letter No. 2332 dated the 12 th November to the Government of India in the Foreign & Political Department.	Saluting gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait. ----

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No. 2332 of 1932.

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British Residency & Consulate-General,
Bushire, the 12th November 1932.

From

The Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,

To

The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India,
New Delhi.

Saluting gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait.

Sir,

With reference to the Government of India, Foreign & Political Department letter No. F.164-N/33, dated the 11th August 1932 I have the honour to forward herewith a cheque for £69-0 drawn in favour of the Lords Commissioner of the Admiralty being the cost including cost of packing and transport of a 3-pounder gun for the shaikh of Kuwait.

The shaikh of Kuwait requests that if possible the gun mountings and ammunition with spares complete be sent out by one of His Majesty's ships so as to reach Kuwait before 31st April 1933 - failing this they should be sent out by a direct cargo steamer. It will be seen that if the gun is sent out in one of His Majesty's ships the Shaikh will be benefited to the extent of the £9-0 which may be refunded to him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sgt. E. H. Gaskell

for Political Resident in the persian gulf.





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The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

the Political Agent, Kuwait,

and is directed to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents.

British Residency
and Consulate-General,
BUSHIRE.

Dated 10th December 1932...

Reference to previous correspondence:

this office printed letter No. 2335 dated the 12th November 1932.

Description of Enclosure.

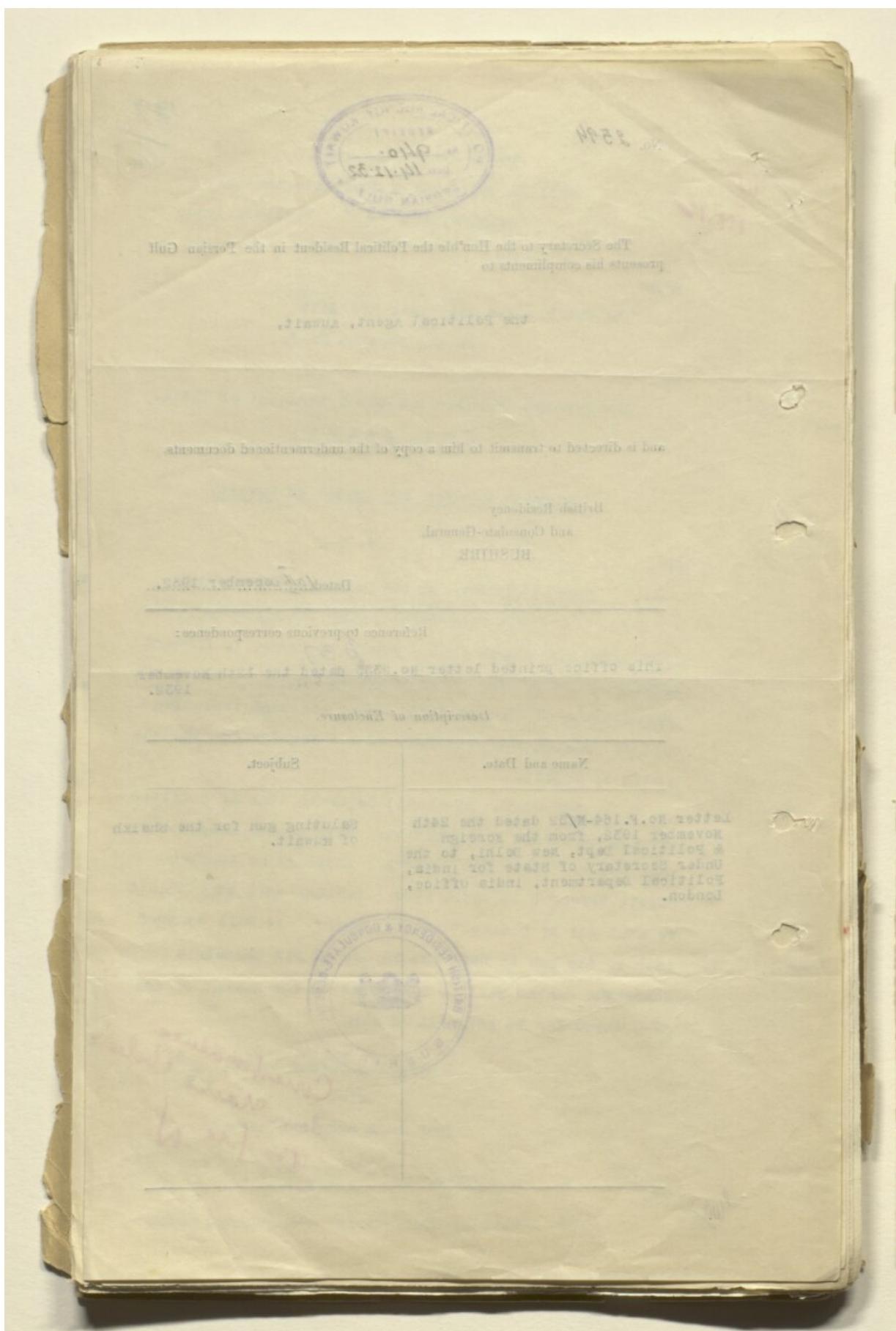
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Letter No. F.164-N/32 dated the 24th November 1932, from the Foreign & Political Dept, New Delhi, to the Under Secretary of State for India, Political Department, India Office, London.	Saluting gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait.



Correspondence
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to file W



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No. F. 164-N/32.

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From

The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To

The Under Secretary of State for India,
Political Department, India Office,
LONDON.

New Delhi, the 24th November 1932.

Subject:- Saluting gun for the Shaikh of
Kuwait.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Walton's letter No. P.Z.
4146/32, dated the 21st July 1932, I am directed to forward
a copy of letter from the Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, No. 2352 of 1932, dated the 12th
November 1932, together ^{with} a cheque for £.69-0. drawn in
favour of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to
cover the cost of a 3-pounder gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait.
I am to ask that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
may be requested to arrange for the despatch of the gun
as desired by the Shaikh.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. R. R. Burnett.

for Foreign Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy.....





CONFIDENTIAL.

No.R/9.

The Political Agency,

Kuwait.

Dated the 21st April, 1948

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To.

The Secretary to ~~H.M.S.~~
His Excellency the Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf, Bahrain.

Subject:- Saluting Guns for His Highness.

MEMORANDUM:

- 11/6 (C.O.)

Reference my memorandum No.C/193 dated the 5th March,
1948.

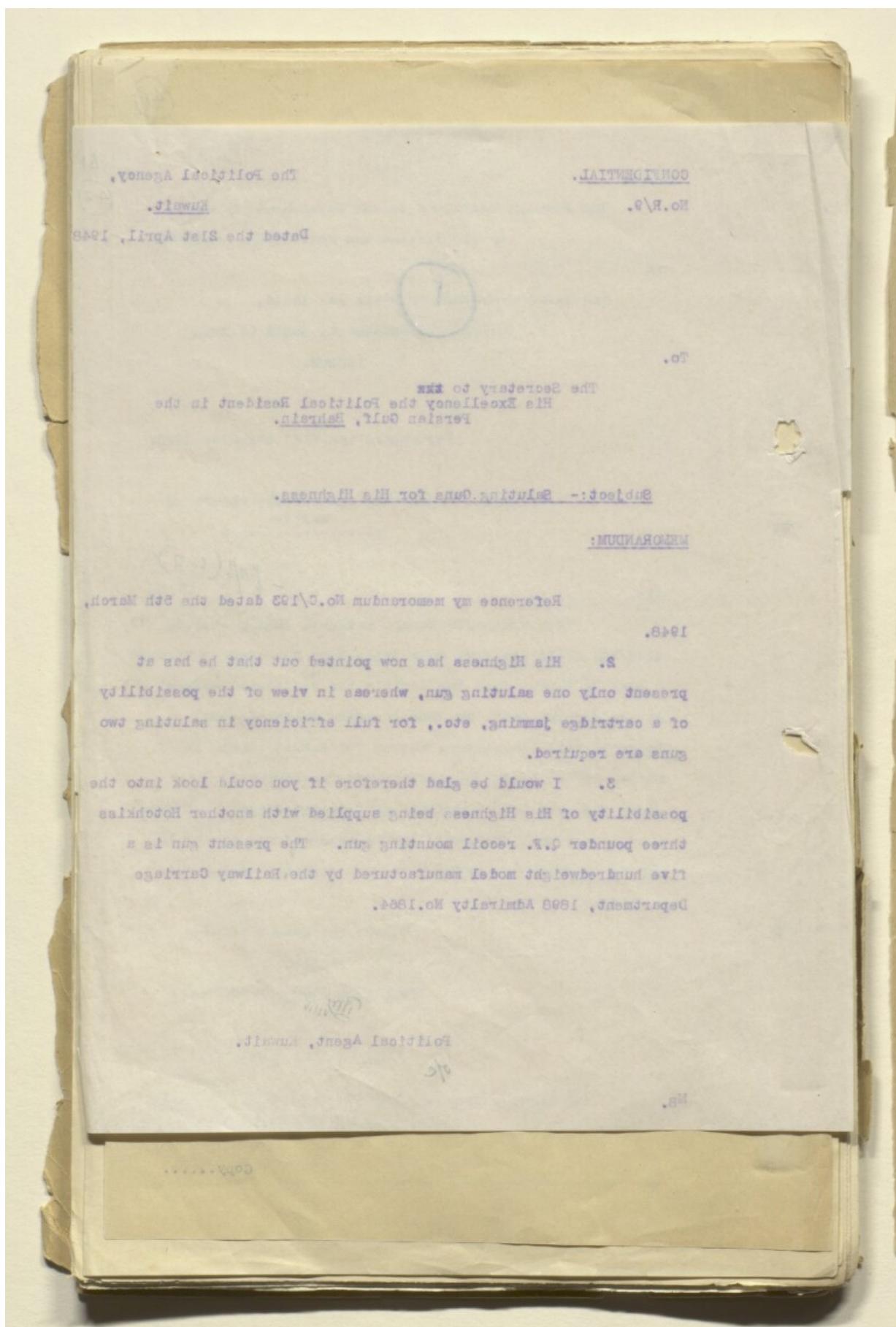
2. His Highness has now pointed out that he has at present only one saluting gun, whereas in view of the possibility of a cartridge jamming, etc., for full efficiency in saluting two guns are required.

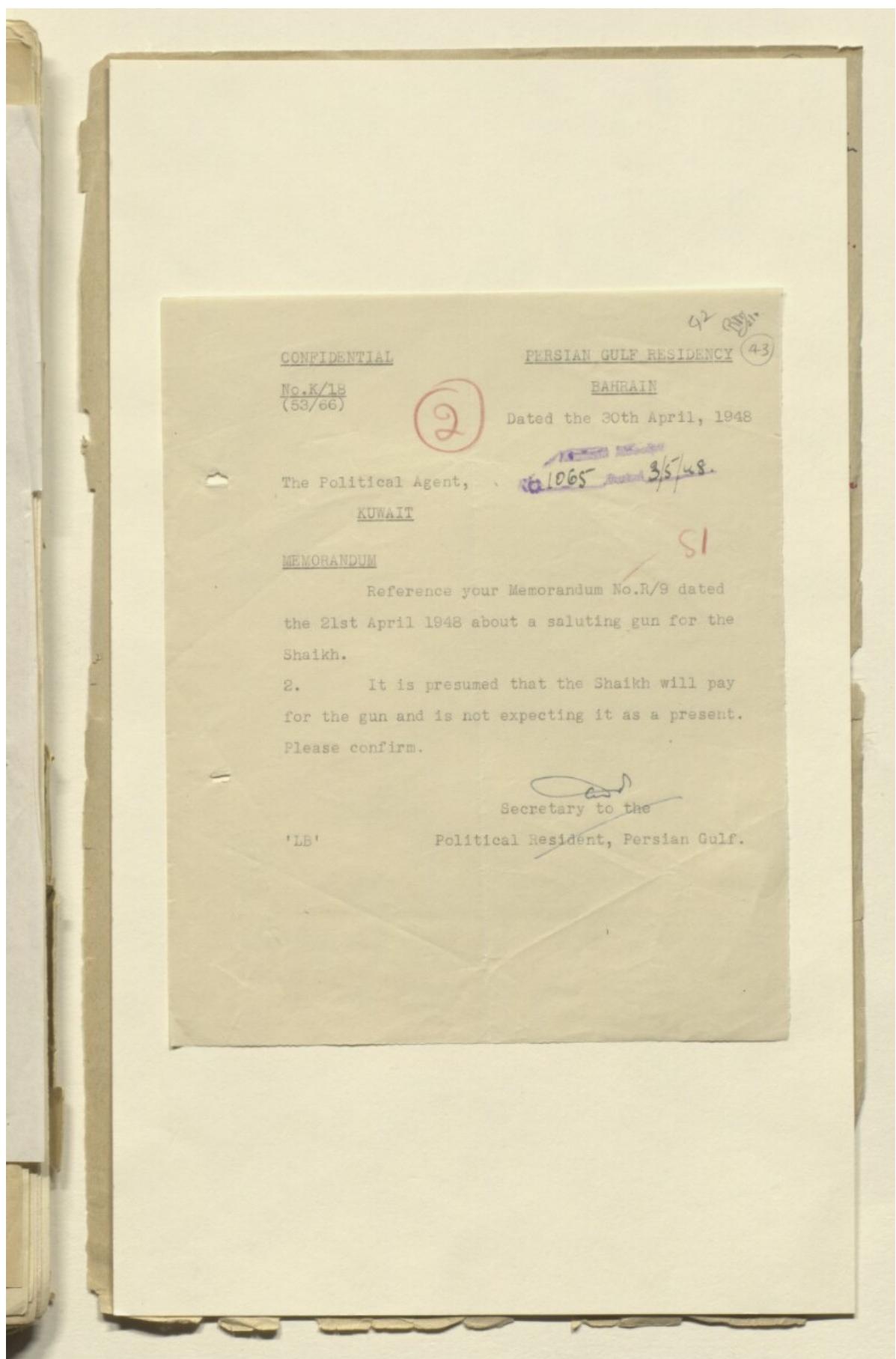
3. I would be glad therefore if you could look into the possibility of His Highness being supplied with another Hotchkiss three pounder Q.F. recoil mounting gun. The present gun is a five hundredweight model manufactured by the Railway Carriage Department, 1898 Admiralty No.1864.

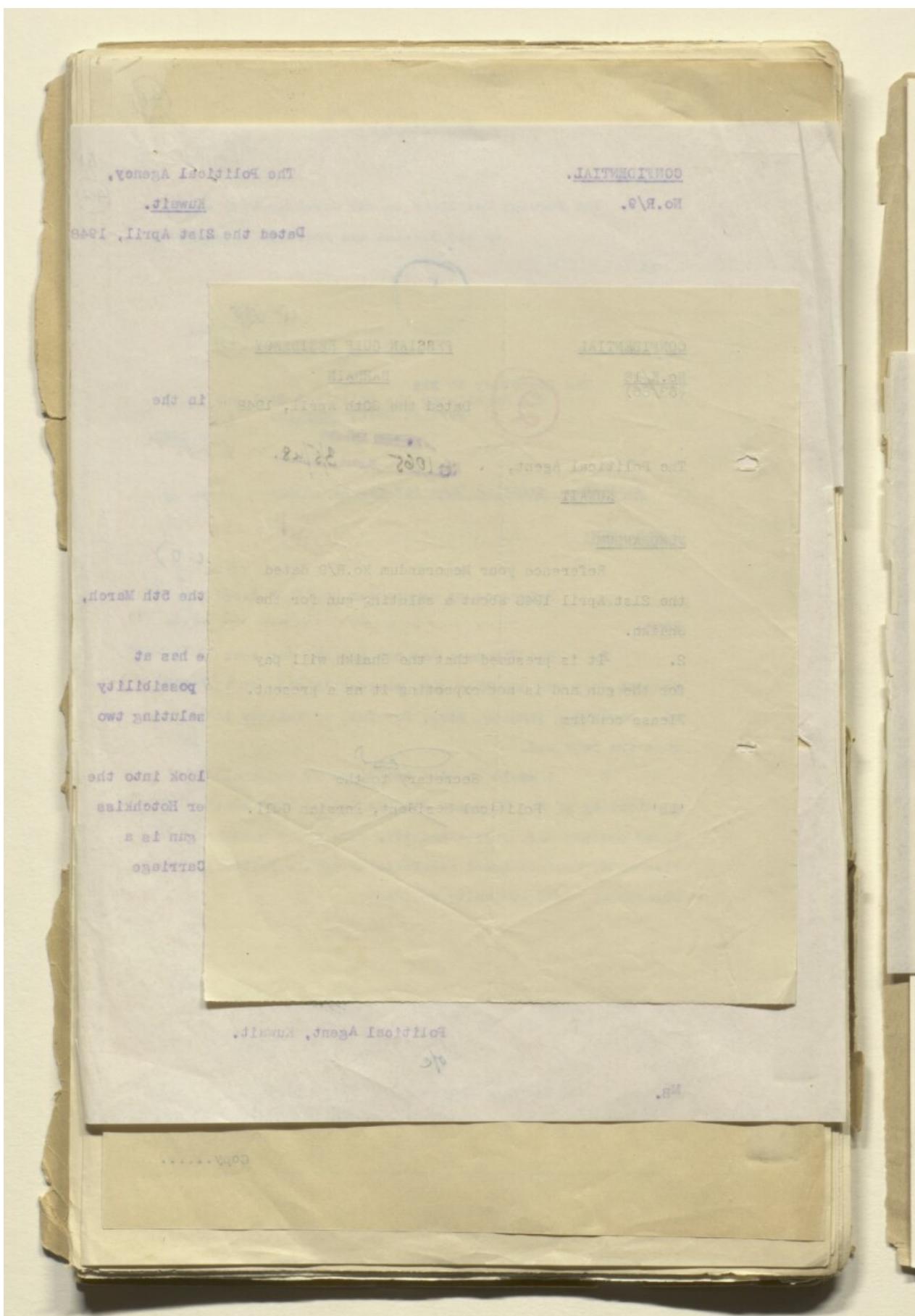
R.W.
Political Agent, Kuwait.

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No.R/27 -8/4 II

THE POLITICAL AGENCY,
KUWAIT.

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the 6th May, 1948.

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To

The Secretary to
His Excellency the Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf, Bahrain.

Memorandum.

Reference your Memorandum No.K/18 (53/66) dated the
30th April, 1948, about saluting gun for Shaikh.

2. It is confirmed that the Shaikh will pay for the gun.

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nd Political Agent, Kuwait.

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Telegram OTP. 8/4
From Prodrome, Bahrain. 45
To Political, Kuwait. L14
No. 4.
Dated the 30th September, received 1st October, 1948.

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Your R/27 May 6th.

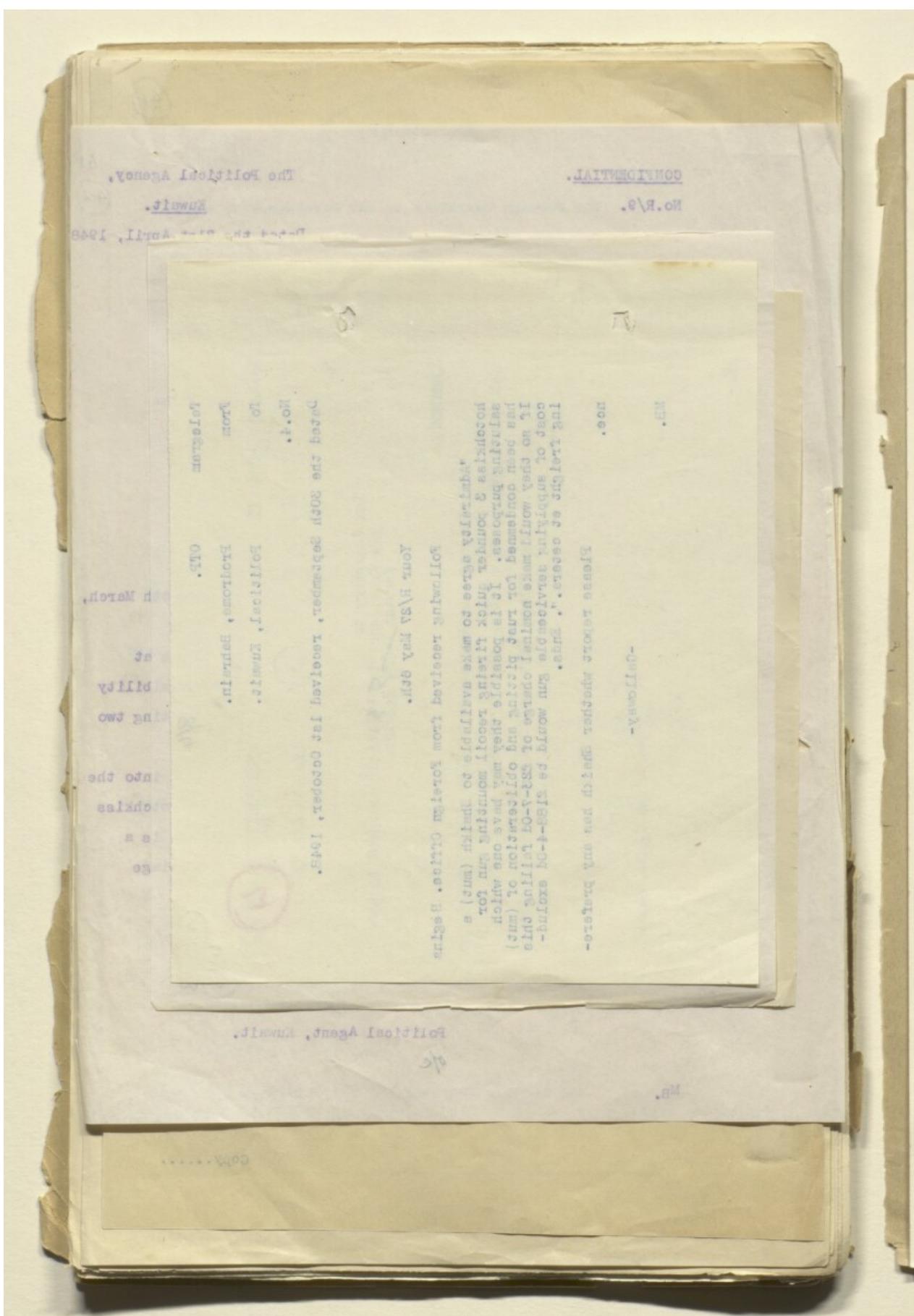
Following received from Foreign Office. Begins

"Admiralty agree to make available to Shaikh (mut) a hotchkiss 3 pounder quick fireing recoil mounting gun for saluting purposes. It is possible they may have one which has been condemned for rust pitting and obliteration of (mut) If so they would make nominal charge of £23-7-0d failing this cost of supplying serviceable gun would be £188-4-0d excluding freight et cetera.". Ends.

Please report whether Shaikh has any preference.

-Galloway-

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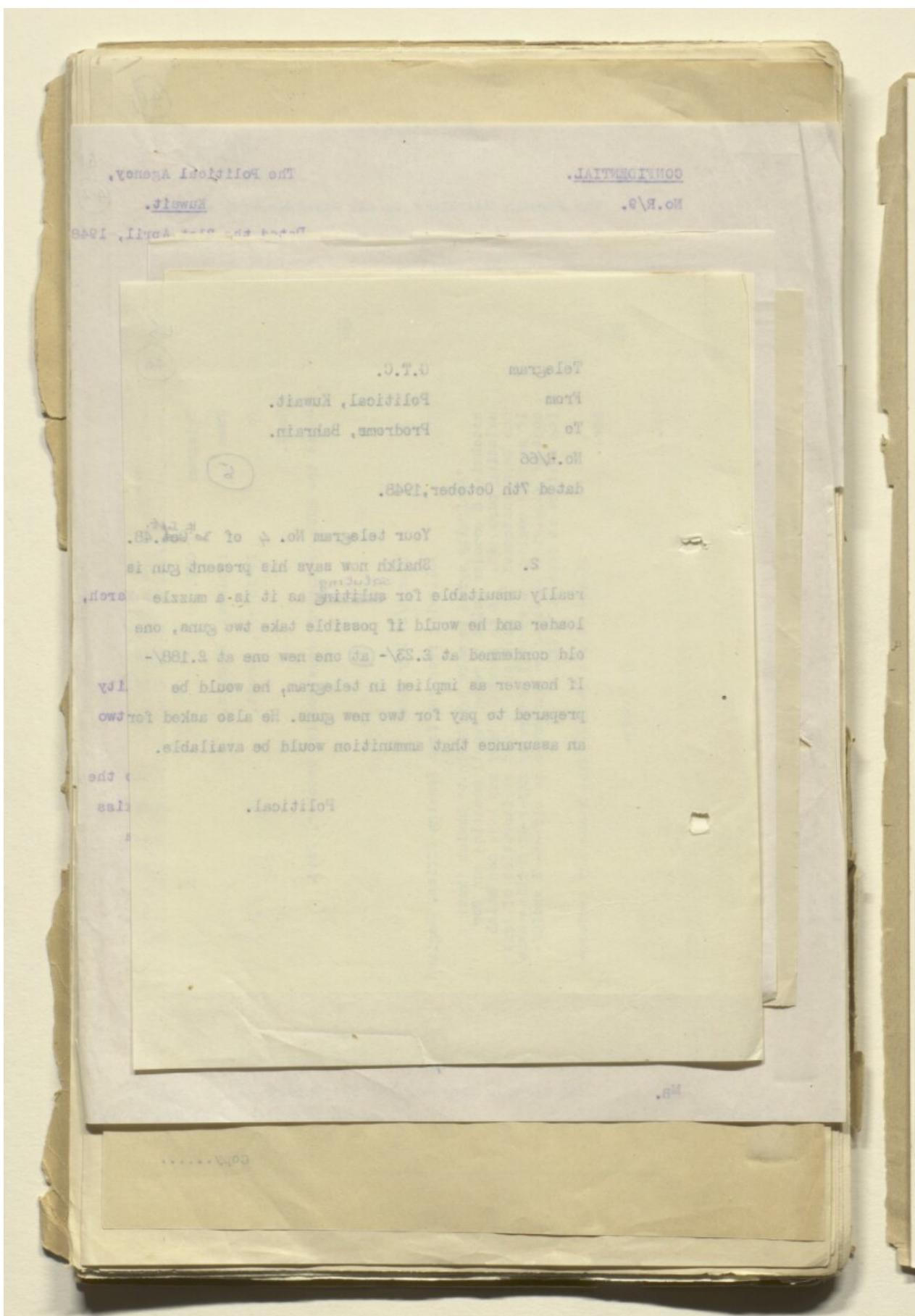


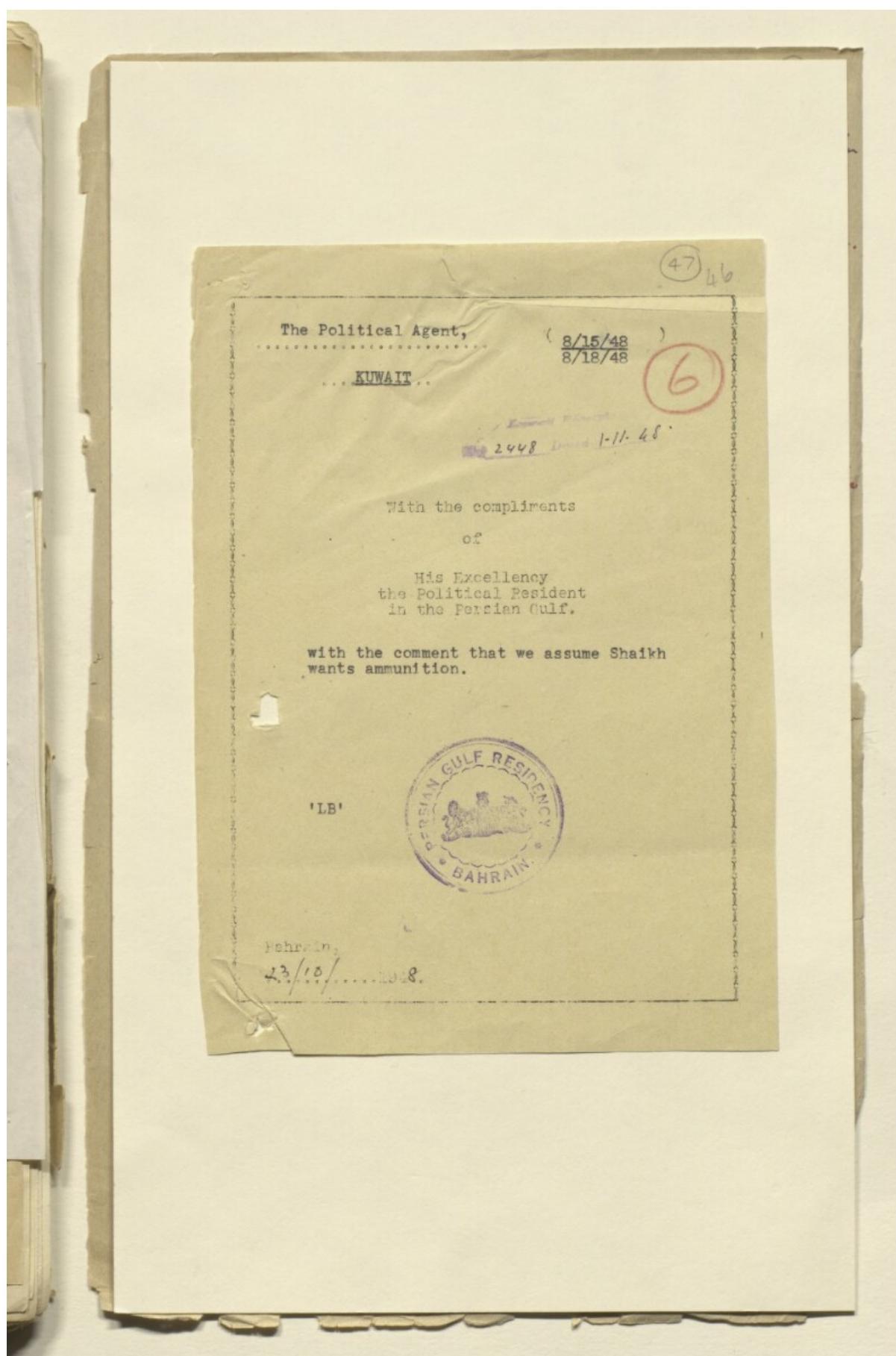
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Telegram G.T.C.
From Political, Kuwait.
To Prodrome, Bahrain.
No.R/66
dated 7th October, 1948.

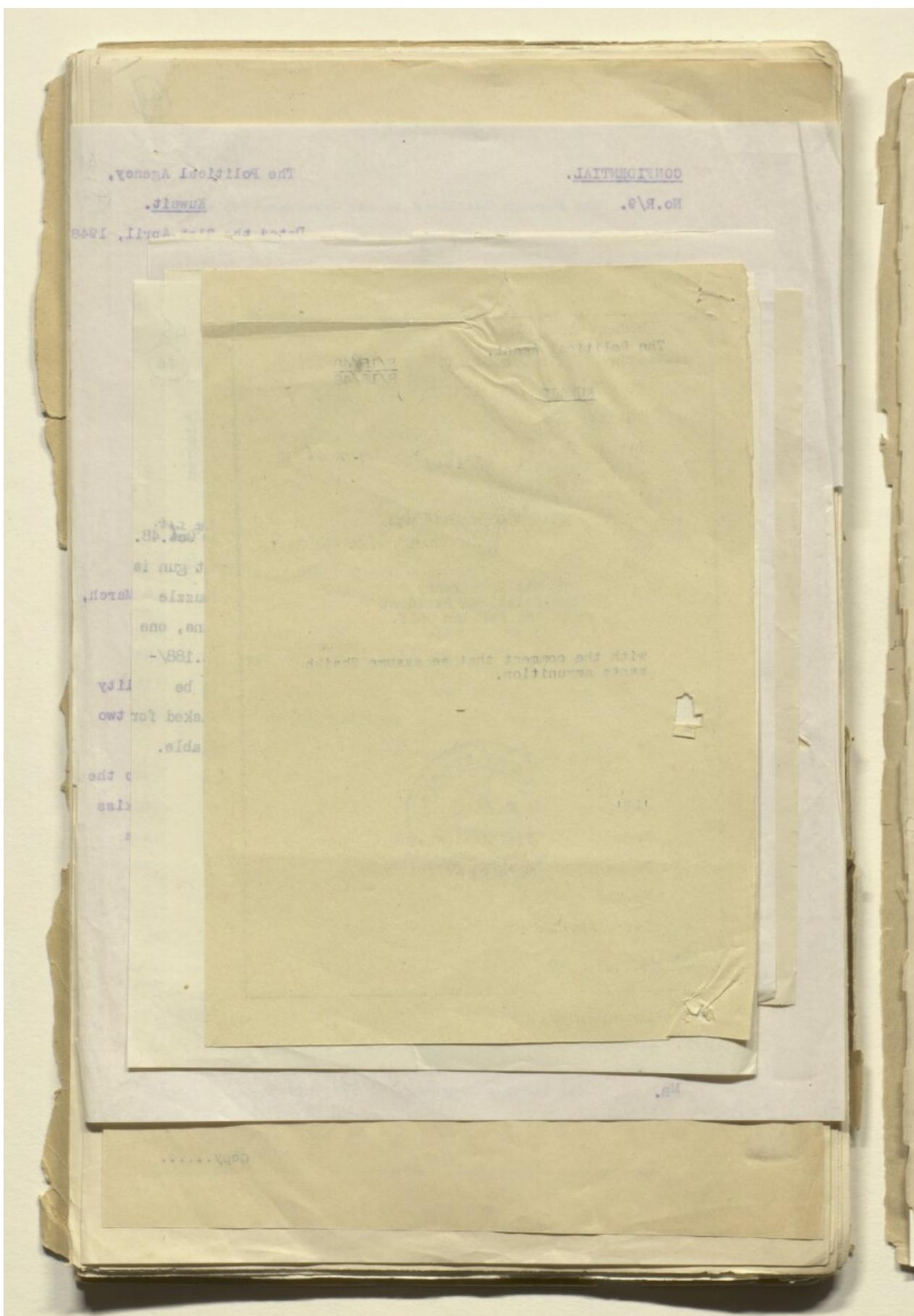
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Your telegram No. 4 of 30^{Oct}. 48.

2. Shaikh now says his present gun is
really unsuitable for ~~saluting~~ as it is a muzzle
loader and he would if possible take two guns, one
old condemned at £.23/- ~~at~~ one new one at £.188/-
If however as implied in telegram, he would be
prepared to pay for two new guns. He also asked for
an assurance that ammunition would be available.

Political.









Telegram Code. 47
From Foreign Office, London.
To Political Resident, Bahrain.
No.236

Dated 16th and received 18th October 1948.

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Your telegram 202.

Does the Shaikh want ammunition also if so
how much.

- BEVIN -

Telegram Code.
From Political Resident, Bahrain.
To Foreign Office, London.

No.214

Dated October 22nd 1948.

Your telegram No.236. Ammunition for
Shaikh of Kuwait.

Shaikh requires 500 rounds. Please inform
me of the approximate cost of this ammunition.

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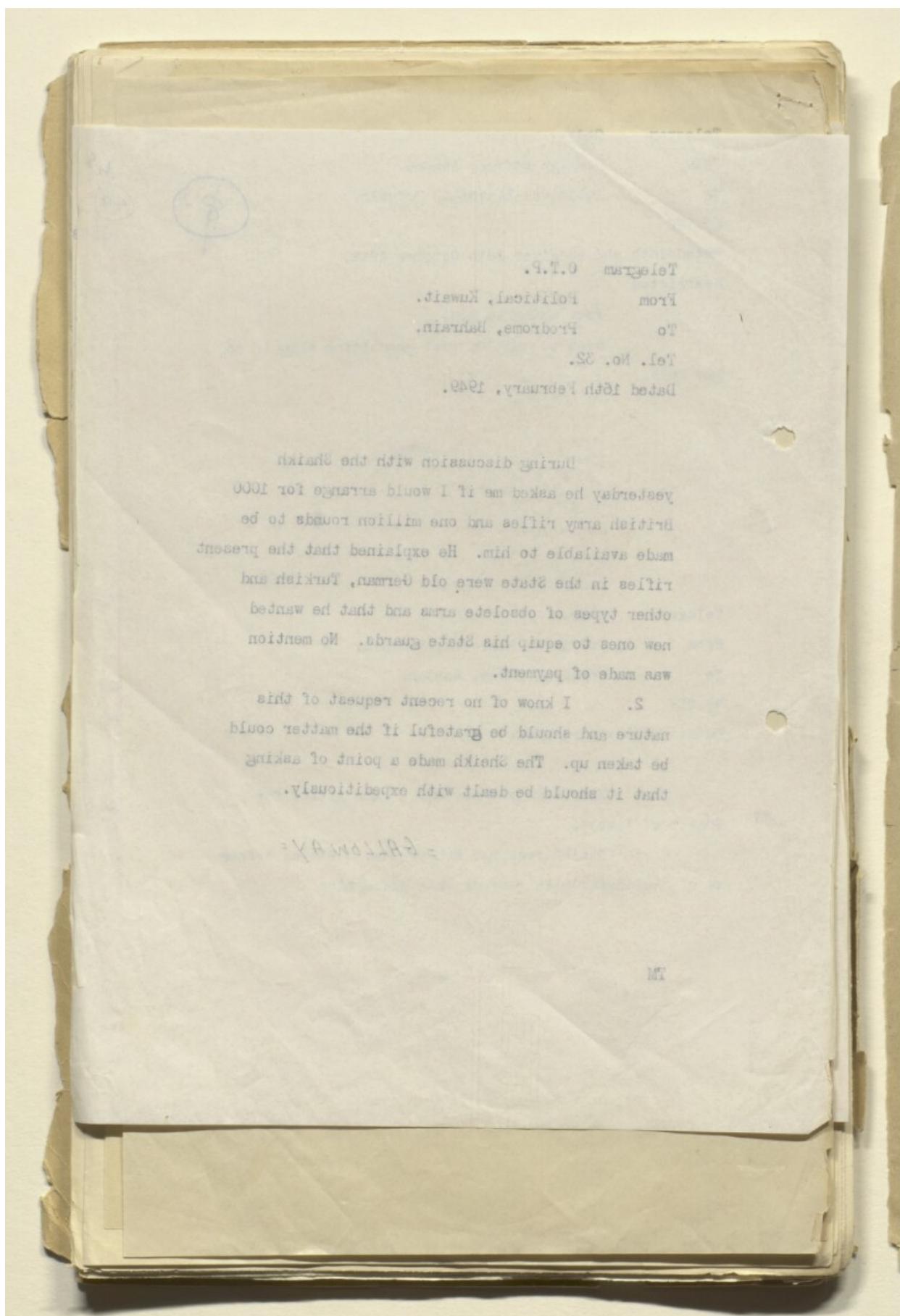
Telegram O.T.P.
From Political, Kuwait.
To Prodrome, Bahrain.
Tel. No. 32.
Dated 16th February, 1949.

During discussion with the Shaikh yesterday he asked me if I would arrange for 1000 British army rifles and one million rounds to be made available to him. He explained that the present rifles in the State were old German, Turkish and other types of obsolete arms and that he wanted new ones to equip his State guards. No mention was made of payment.

2. I know of no recent request of this nature and should be grateful if the matter could be taken up. The Sheikh made a point of asking that it should be dealt with expeditiously.

= GALLOWAY =

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From Political, Kuwait.
To Prodrome, Bahrain.
No. C/41(8/4) SAVING.
Dated 19th February, 1949.

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Your telegram 214 of
22nd October, 1948. Saluting ammunition
for Shaikh of Kuwait.

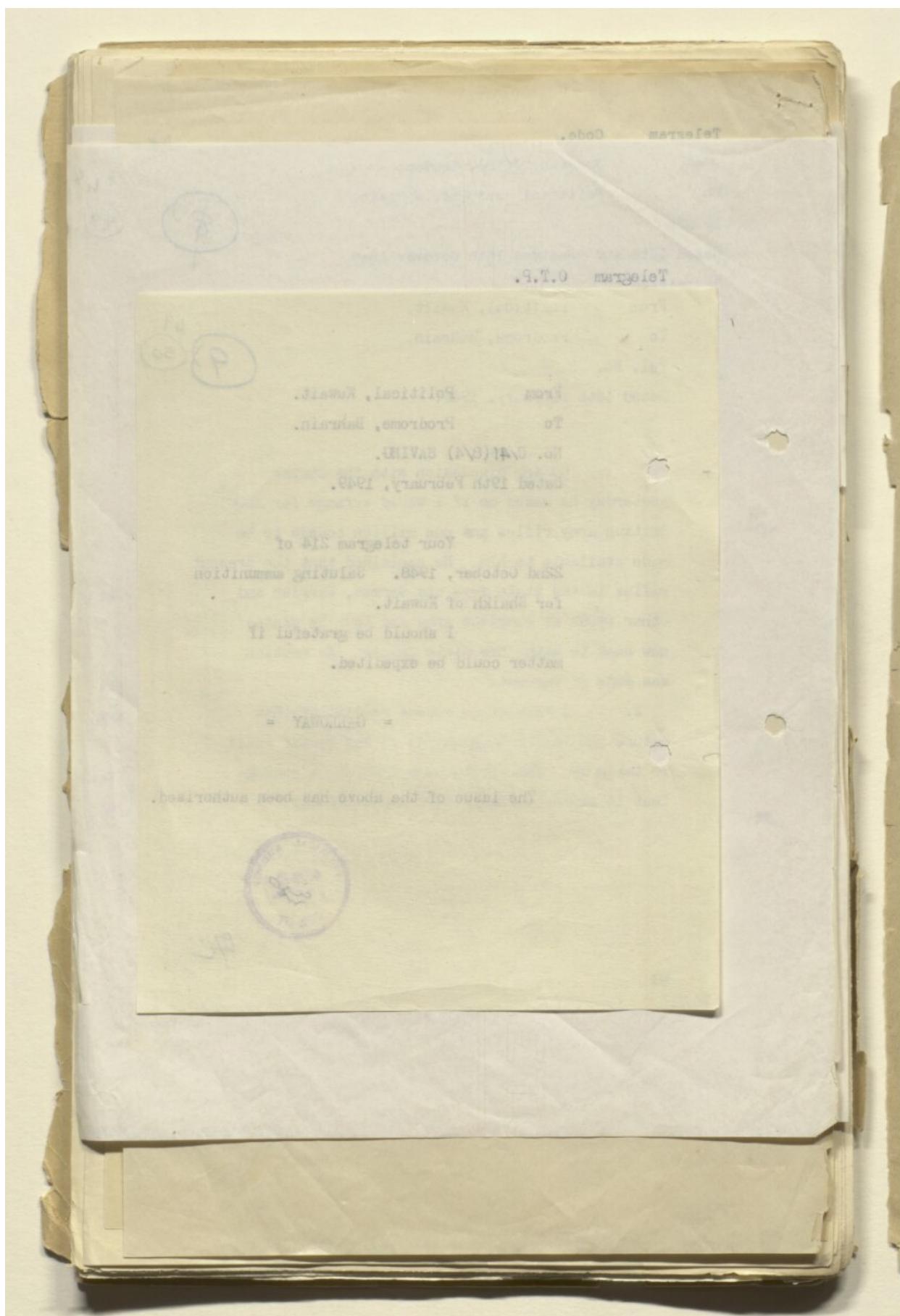
I should be grateful if
matter could be expedited.

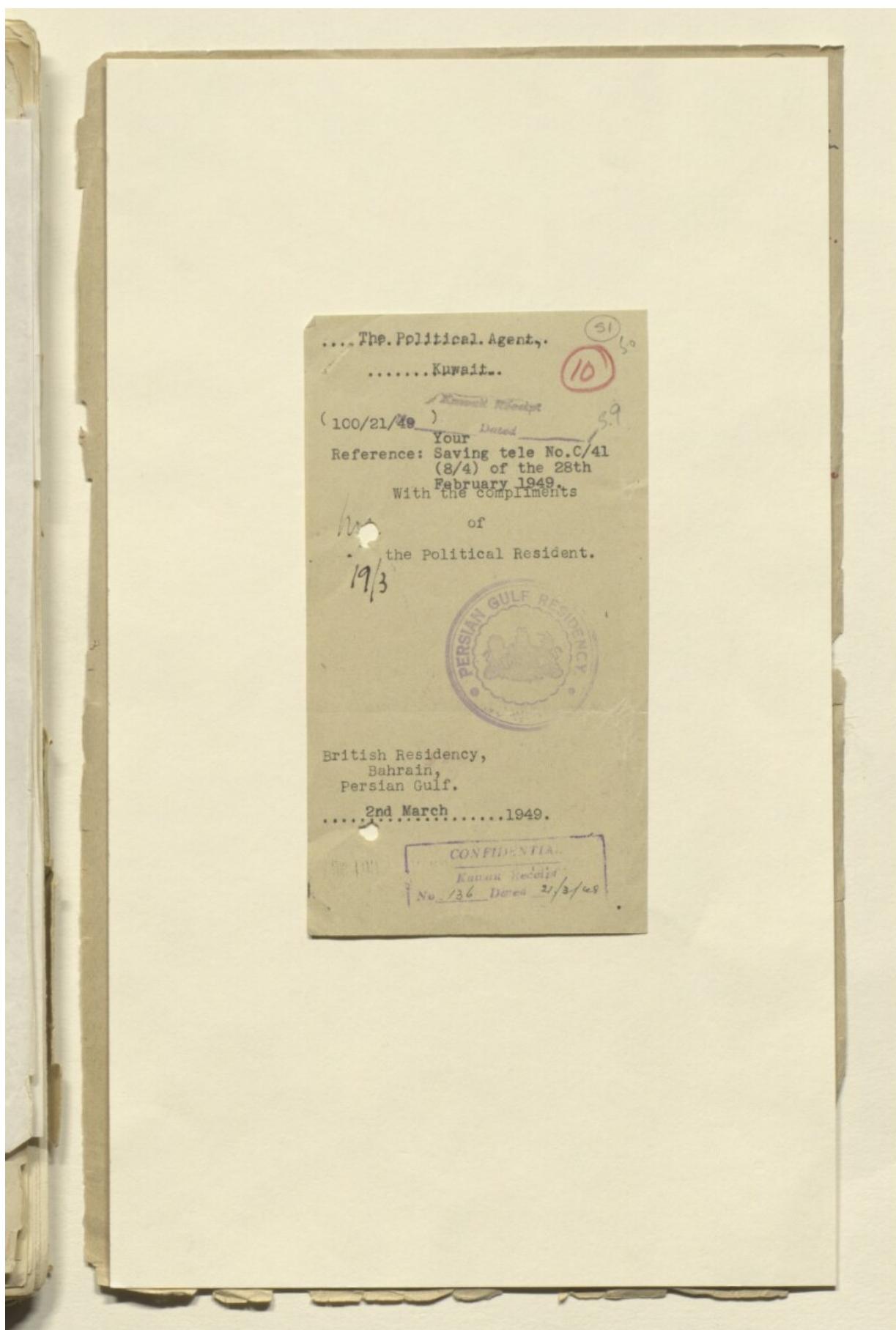
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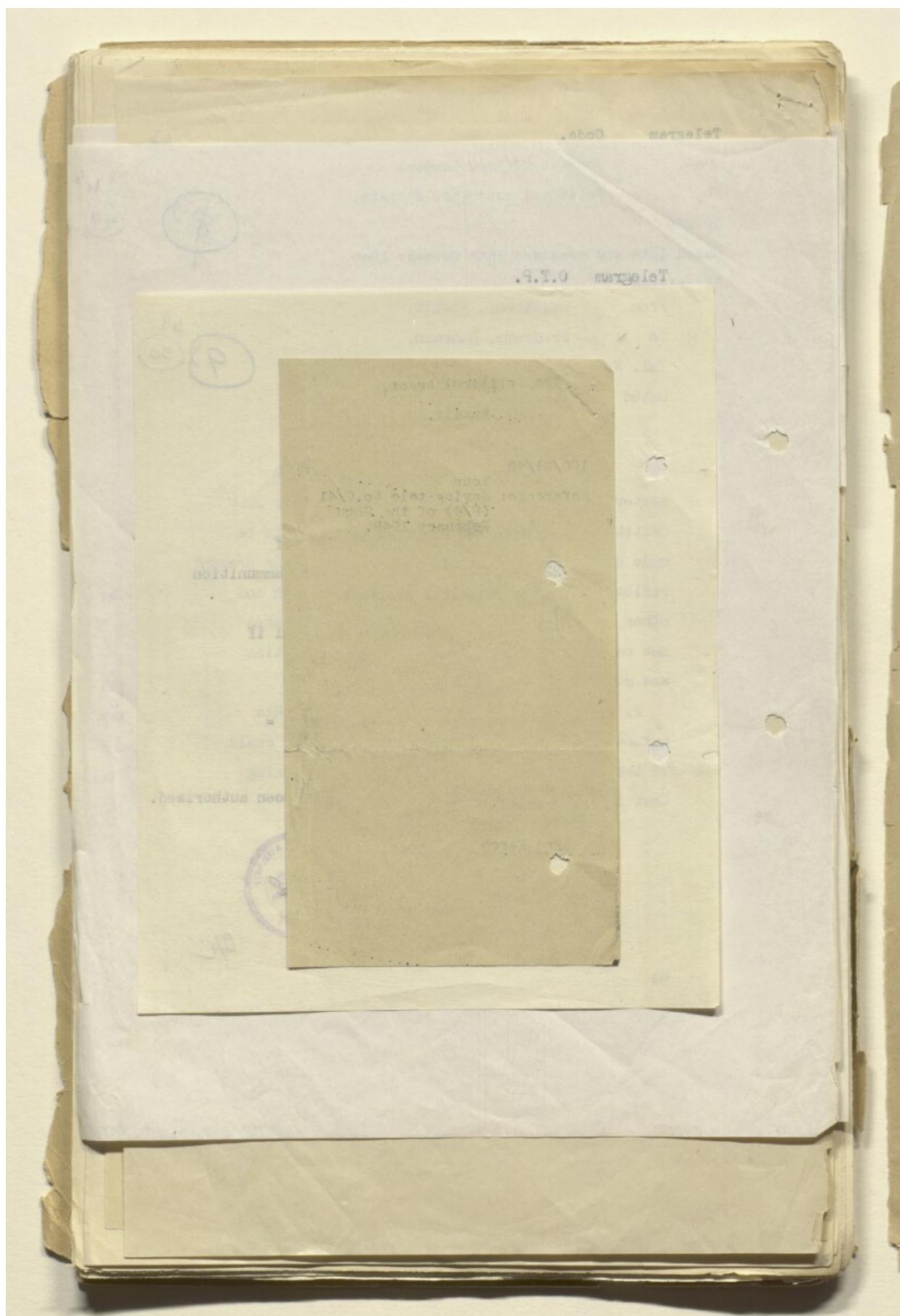
The issue of the above has been authorised.



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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

22nd February 1949.

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Dear Residency,

Your telegram no: 214 of the 25th October, 1948, about ammunition for the Sheikh of Kuwait. The Admiralty inform us that the cost of 500 rounds of blank ammunition will be £340 excluding freight charges. They regret that they will not be able to supply a second gun and mounting, as their stocks are very low.

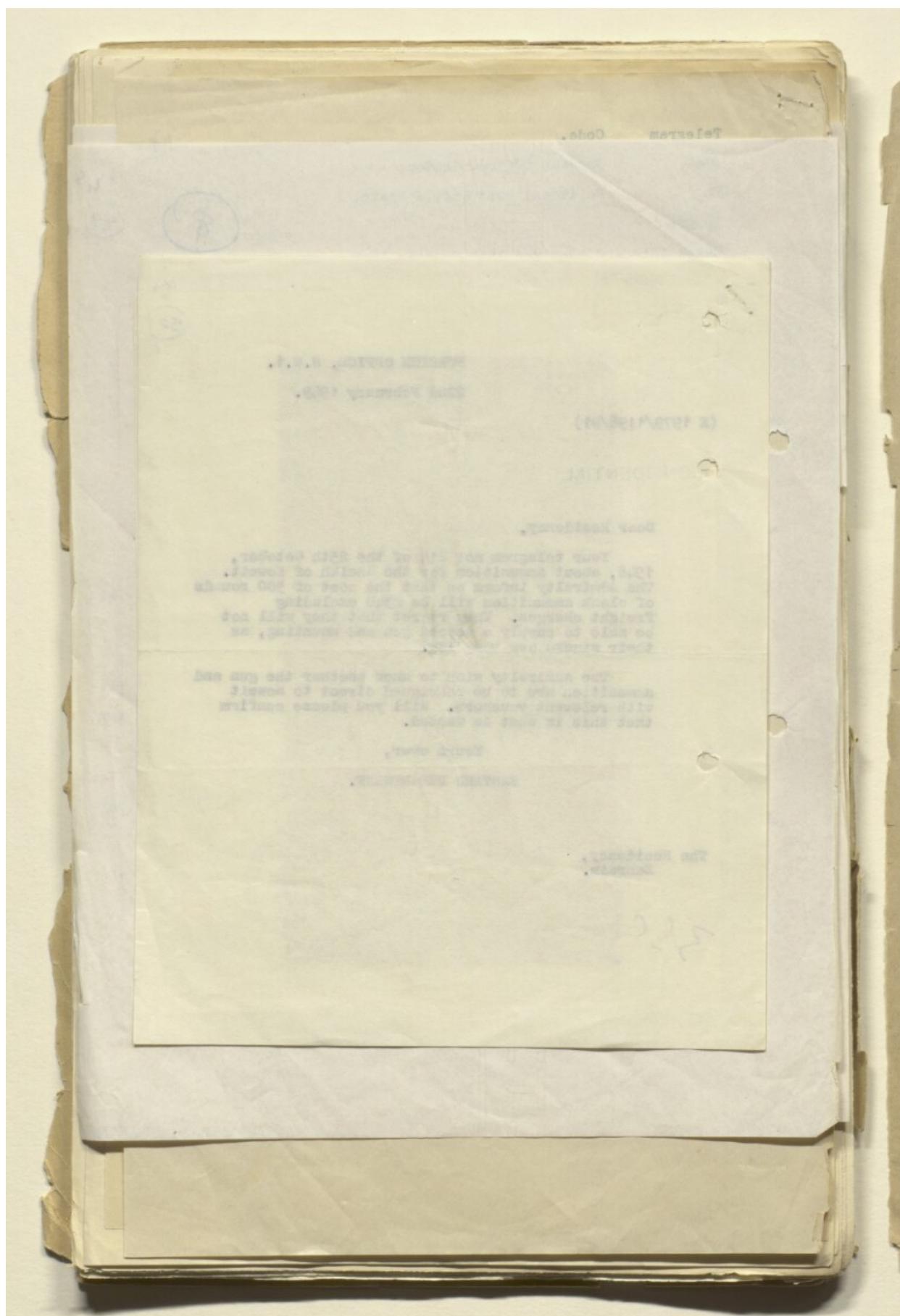
The Admiralty wish to know whether the gun and ammunition are to be consigned direct to Kuwait with relevant vouchers. Will you please confirm that this is what is wanted.

Yours ever,

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Residency,
Bahrain.

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The Political Agency,
Kuwait.

No. 9/64 (4/38).

31st March, 1949.
3rd April

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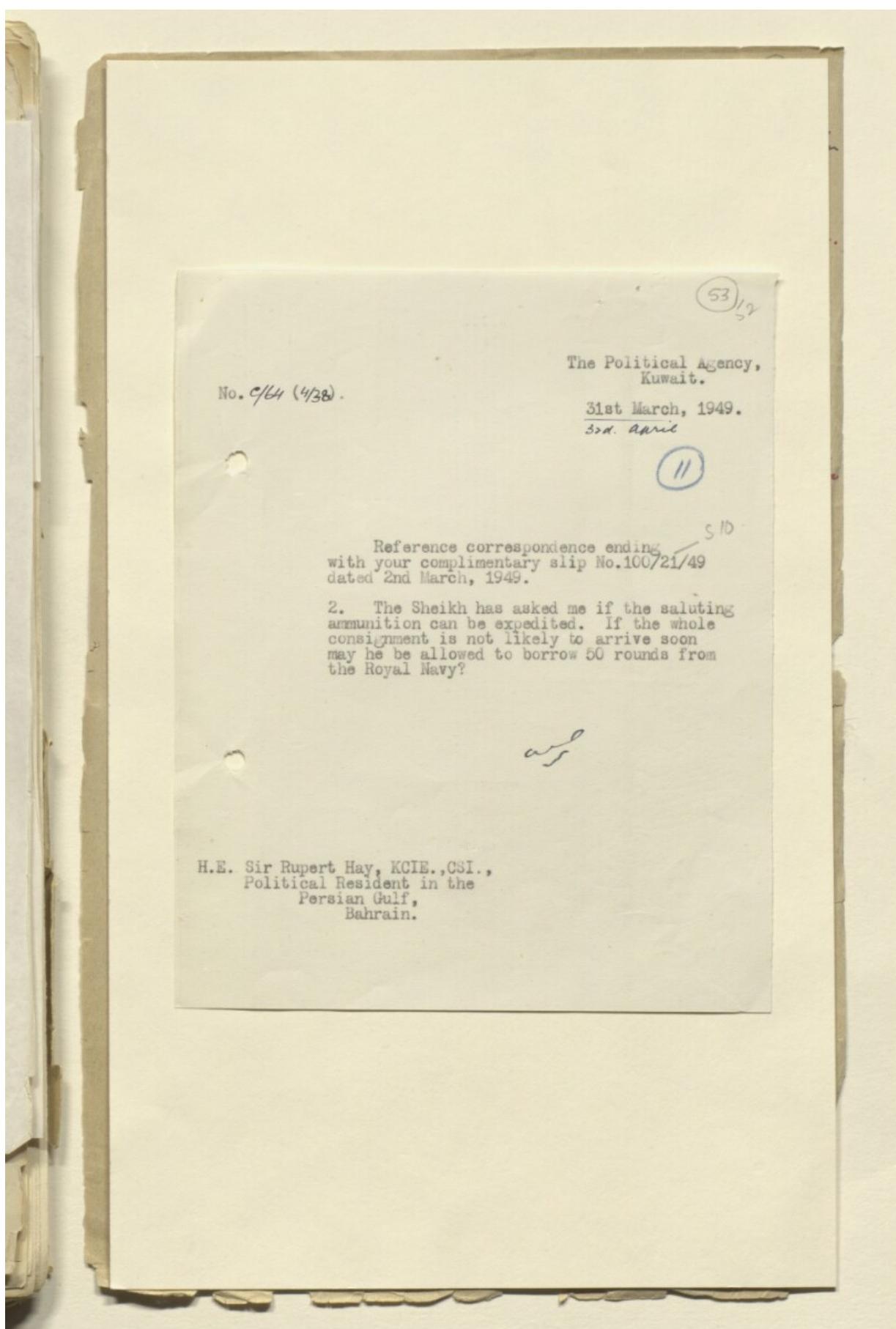
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Reference correspondence ending
with your complimentary slip No. 100/21/49
dated 2nd March, 1949.

2. The Sheikh has asked me if the saluting
ammunition can be expedited. If the whole
consignment is not likely to arrive soon
may he be allowed to borrow 50 rounds from
the Royal Navy?

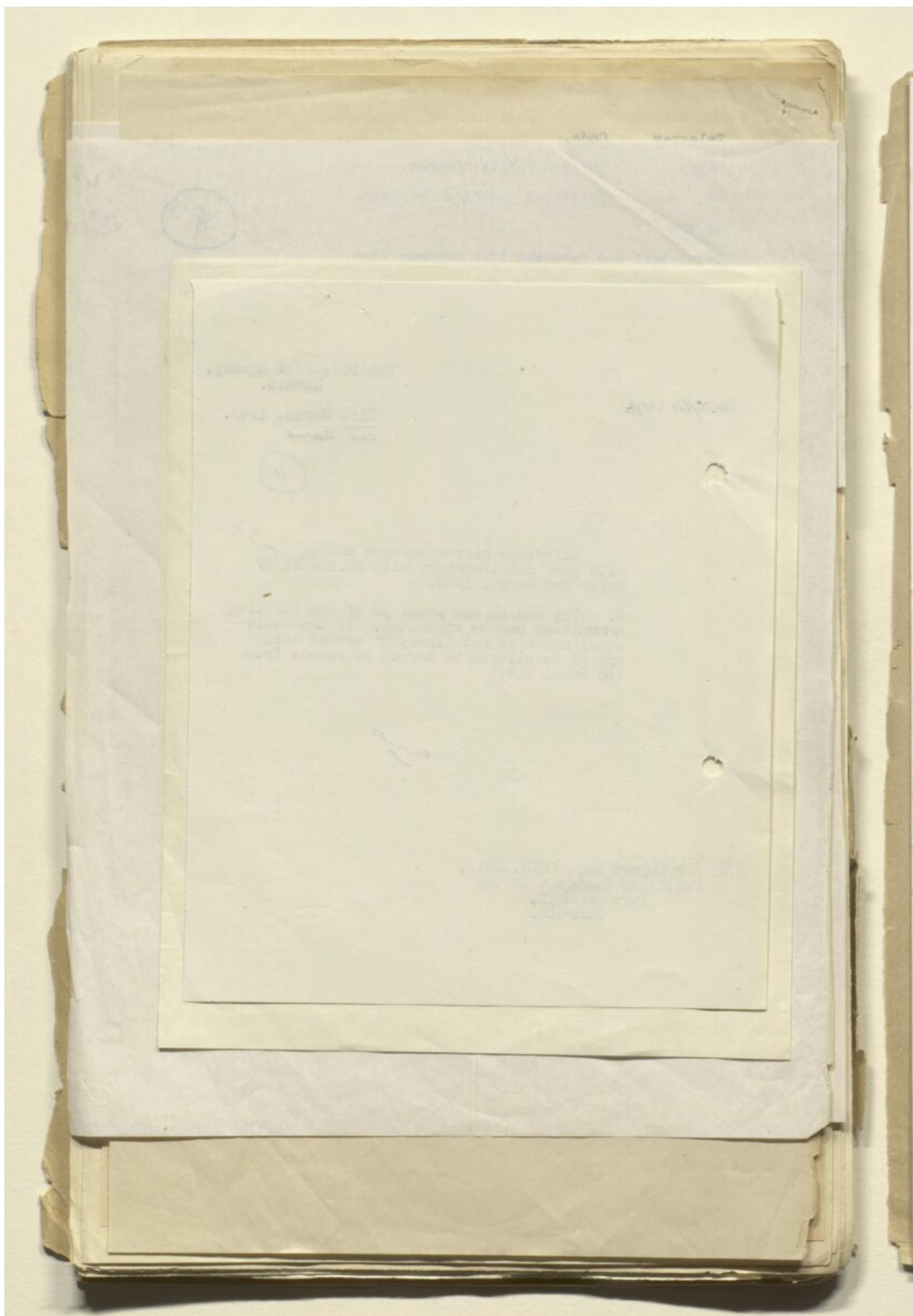
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H.E. Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,
Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.





'File 4/38 Supply of Saluting Gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait' [52v]
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No. C/65 (438).

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The Political Agency,
Kuwait.

31st March, 1949.
3rd April

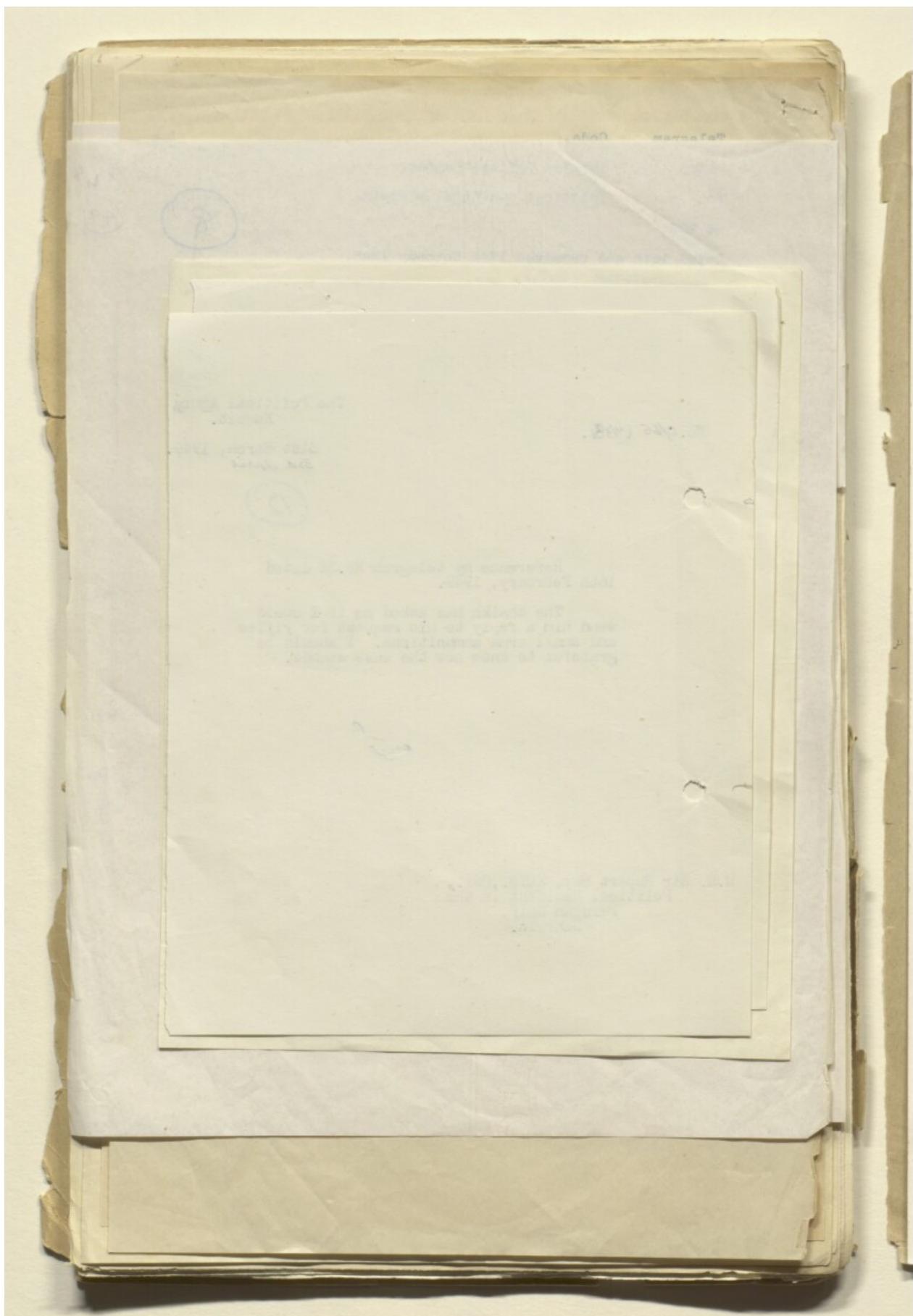
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Reference my telegram No. 32 dated
16th February, 1949.

The Sheikh has asked me if I could
send him a reply to his request for rifles
and small arms ammunitions. I should be
grateful to know how the case stands.

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H.E. Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,
Political Resident in the
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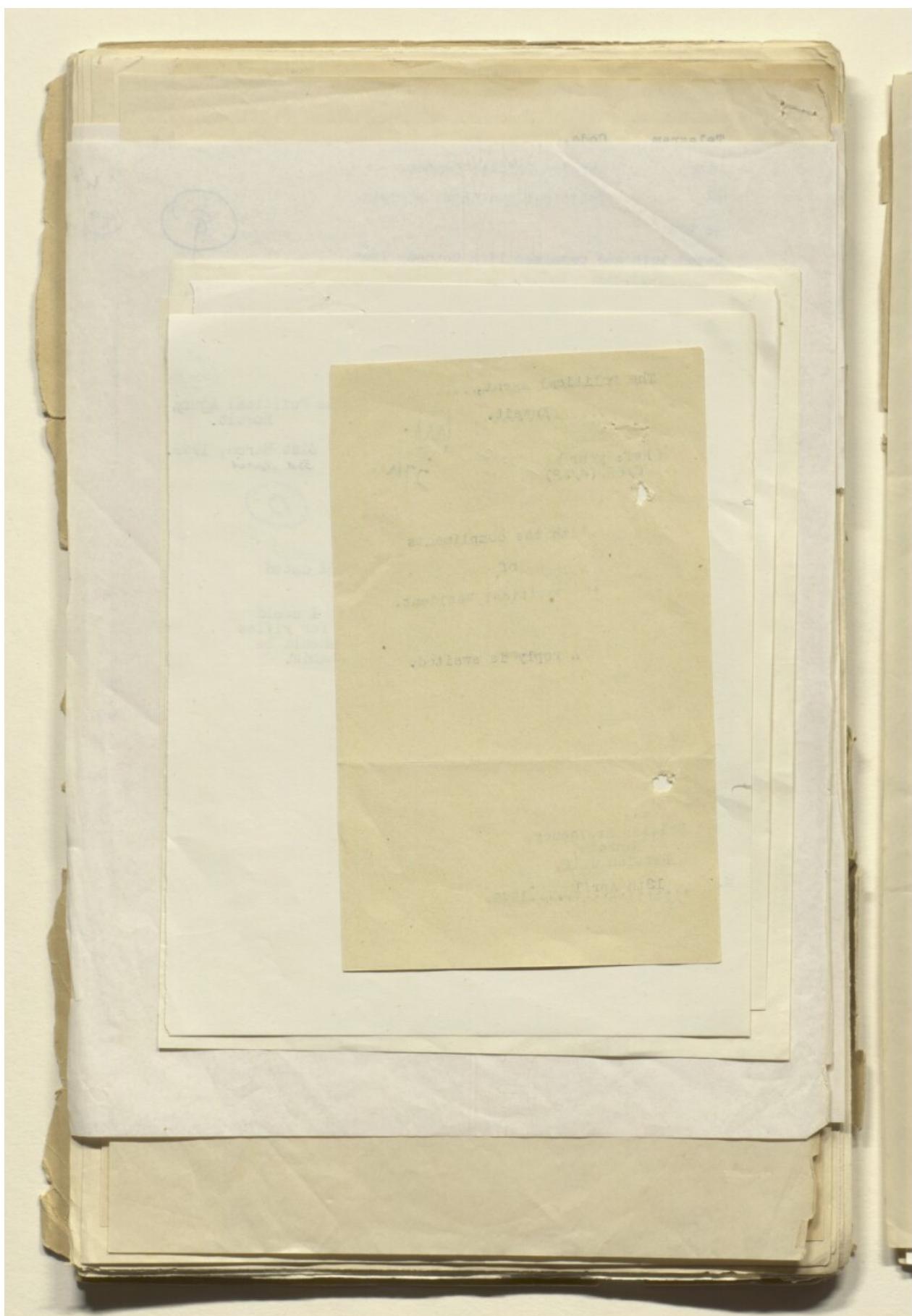




The Political Agent,.....
.....Kuwait...
(Ref: your) C/65 (4/38) - S.12
With the compliments
of
the Political Resident.
A reply is awaited.

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British Residency,
Bahrain,
Persian Gulf.
12th April.....1949.





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The Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.

28th February, 1949.

(100/19/49)

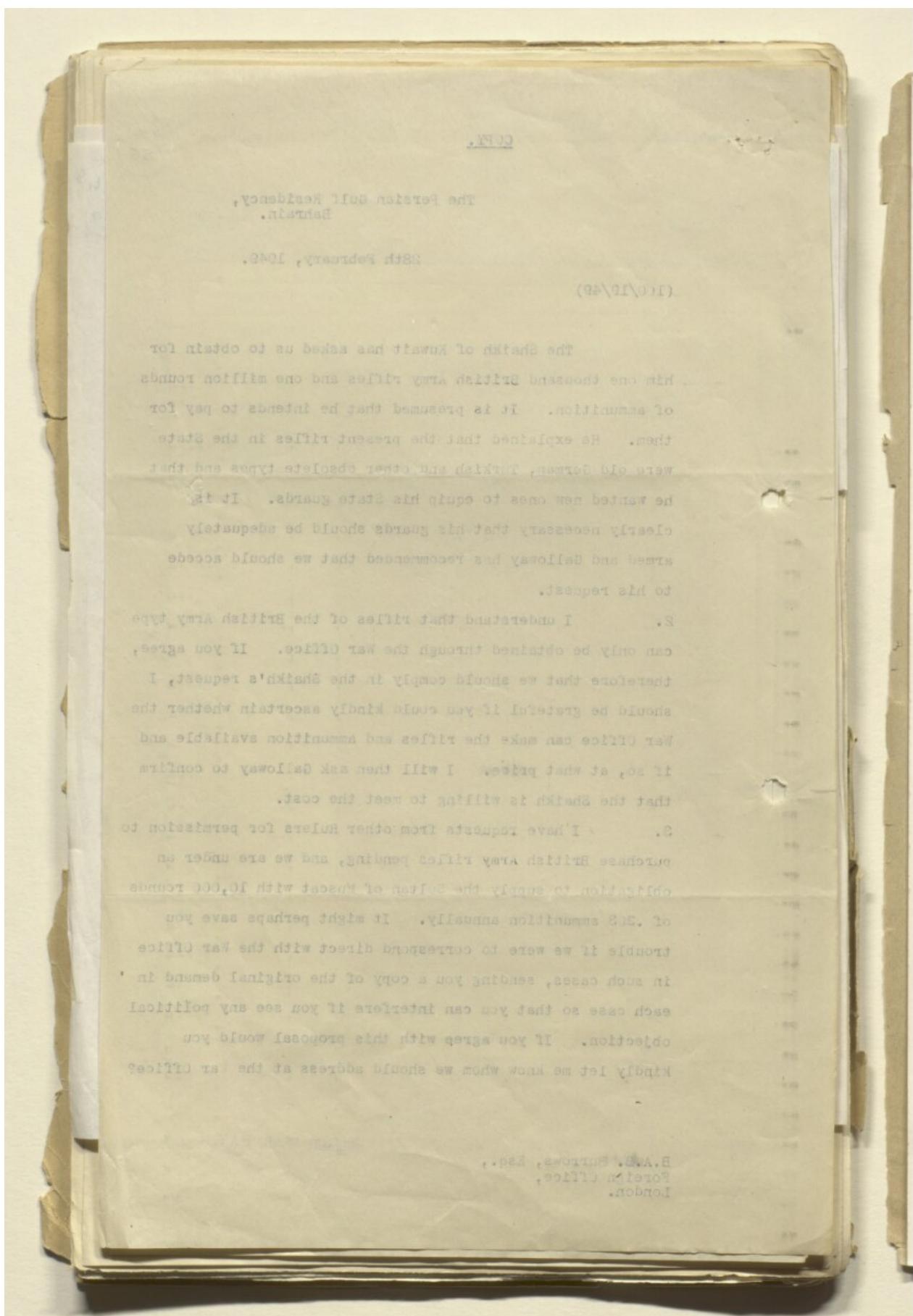
The Shaikh of Kuwait has asked us to obtain for him one thousand British Army rifles and one million rounds of ammunition. It is presumed that he intends to pay for them. He explained that the present rifles in the State were old German, Turkish and other obsolete types and that he wanted new ones to equip his State guards. It is clearly necessary that his guards should be adequately armed and Galloway has recommended that we should accede to his request.

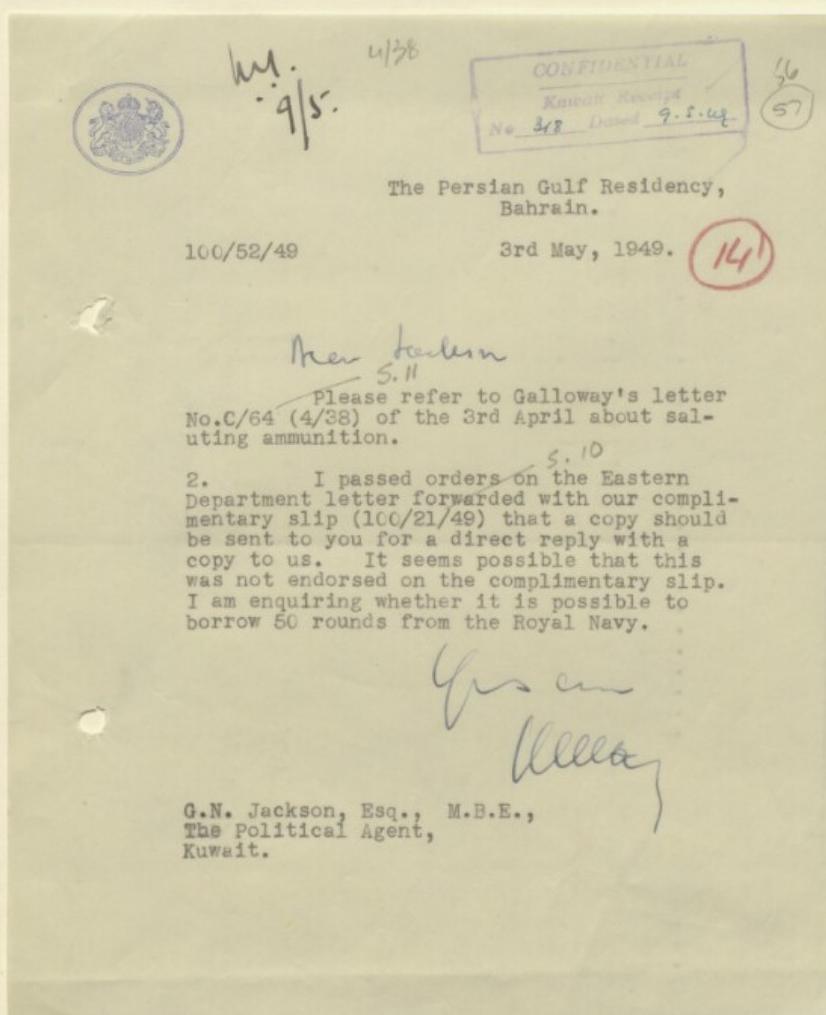
2. I understand that rifles of the British Army type can only be obtained through the War Office. If you agree, therefore that we should comply in the Shaikh's request, I should be grateful if you could kindly ascertain whether the War Office can make the rifles and ammunition available and if so, at what price. I will then ask Galloway to confirm that the Shaikh is willing to meet the cost.

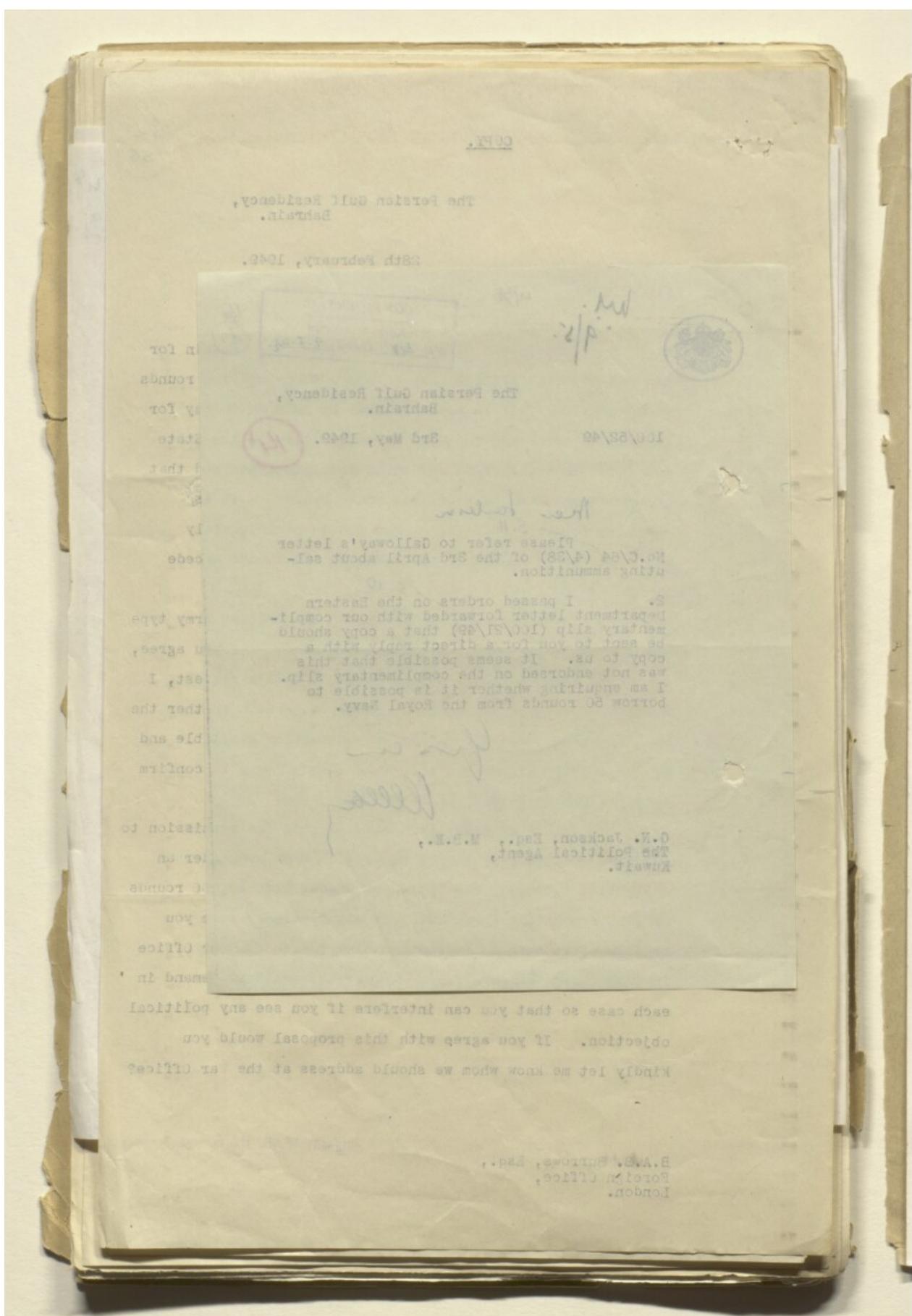
3. I have requests from other Rulers for permission to purchase British Army rifles pending, and we are under an obligation to supply the Sultan of Muscat with 10,000 rounds of .303 ammunition annually. It might perhaps save you trouble if we were to correspond direct with the War Office in such cases, sending you a copy of the original demand in each case so that you can interfere if you see any political objection. If you agree with this proposal would you kindly let me know whom we should address at the War Office?

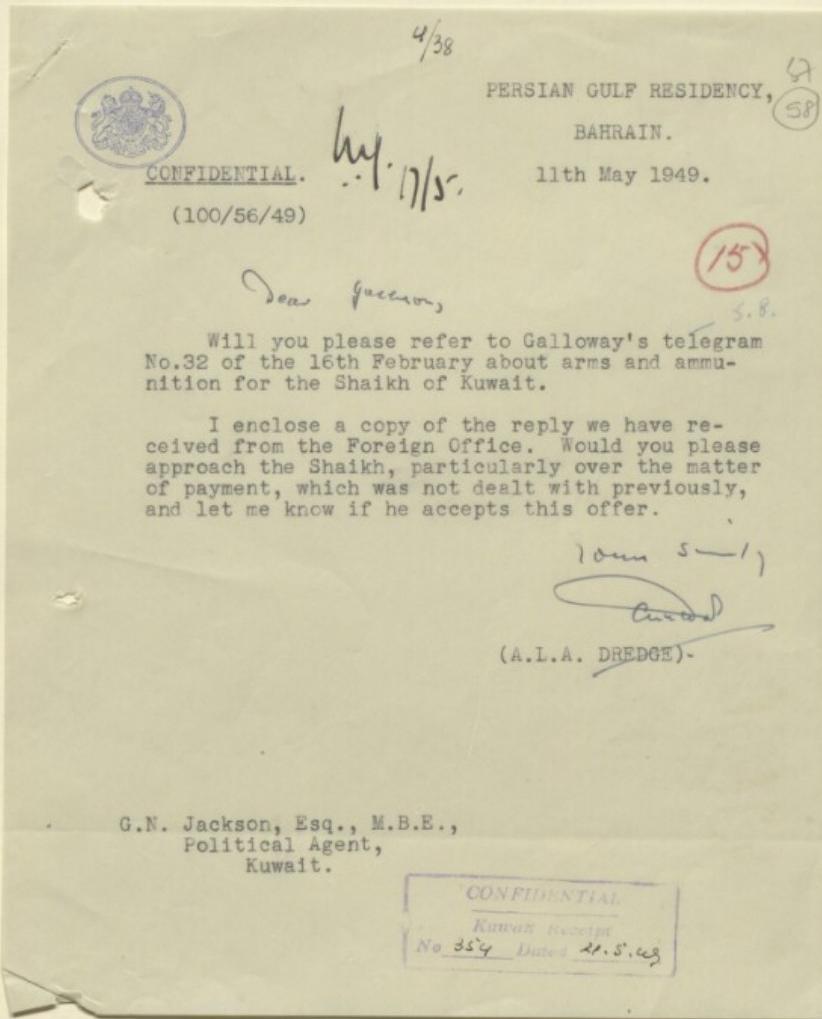
(Signed) W. R. HAY.

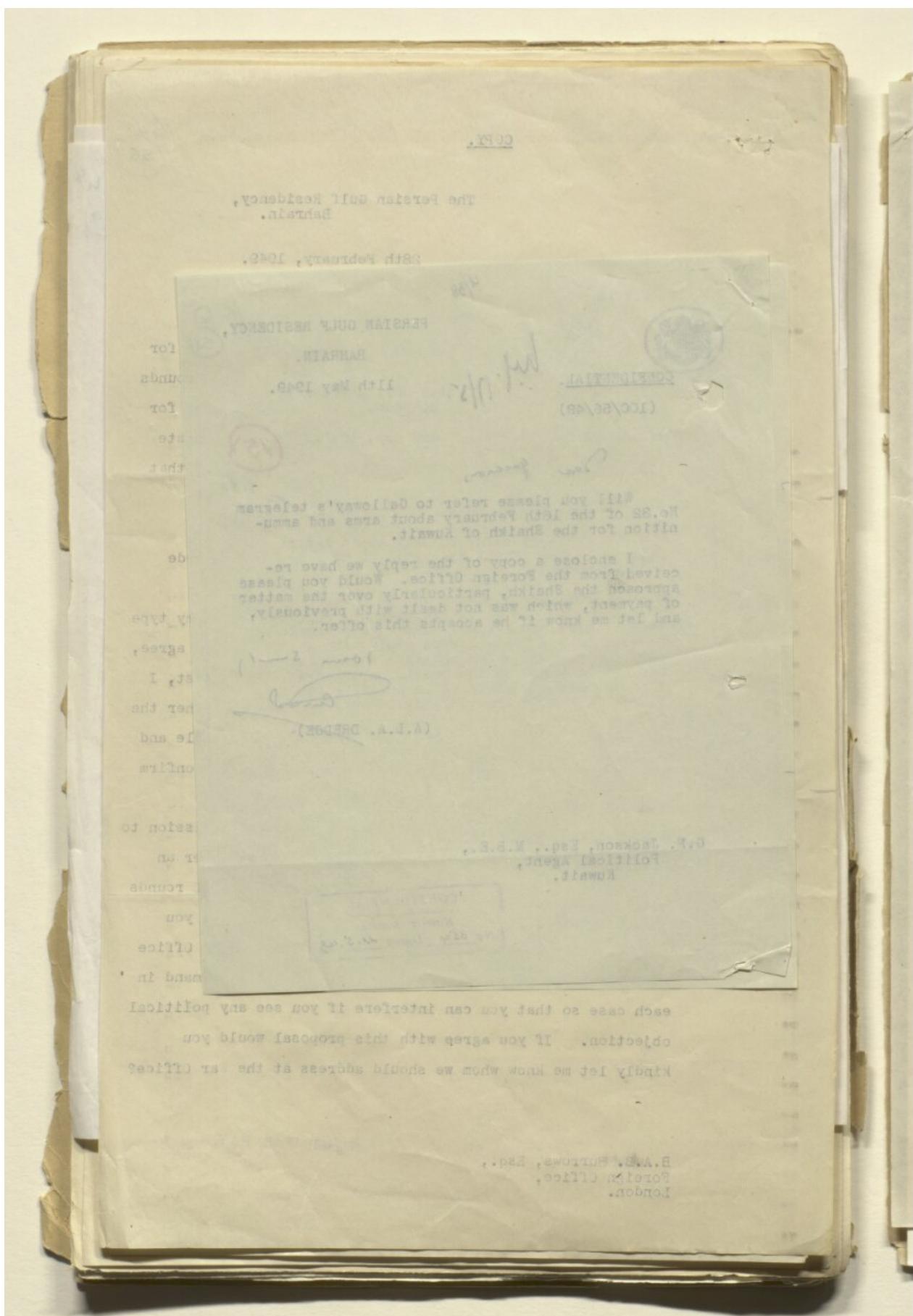
B.A.B. Burrows, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London.













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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

29th April 1949.

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Dear Sir Rupert,

Please refer to your letter No. 100/19/49 of 28th February regarding rifles and ammunition for the Shaikh of Kuwait. You may not be aware that the position regarding arms, and particularly ammunition, is extremely tight, and until measures to increase production are put into effect there will be difficulty for some time to come in meeting demands for ammunition particularly.

The War Office have agreed to make 1,000 rifles available but at first found themselves unable to provide any ammunition whatever. We have, however, prevailed upon them to release 100,000 rounds from War Office stocks, to which they have agreed on condition that it is made clear to the Shaikh that the ammunition position is difficult and that it is hoped that he will conserve the use of the ammunition as far as possible and not make the fact that he has been supplied with 1,000 rifles an argument for insisting on the supply of further ammunition. His demand for 1,000,000 rounds has been noted, however, and an attempt will be made to meet it from new production as this comes into supply.

The cost of the 1,000 rifles with bayonet, scabbard, and sling would be £4,470 (at surplus rates). This is not an entirely firm figure as it is the Ministry of Supply and not the War Office which would be responsible for making the sale. The 100,000 rounds of ammunition would cost £1,745 (ex depot).

As regards your proposal that you should correspond direct with the War Office over requests of Rulers for arms, we consider that on the whole it is more convenient for the correspondence to be made through us as policy considerations enter with which we must concern ourselves.

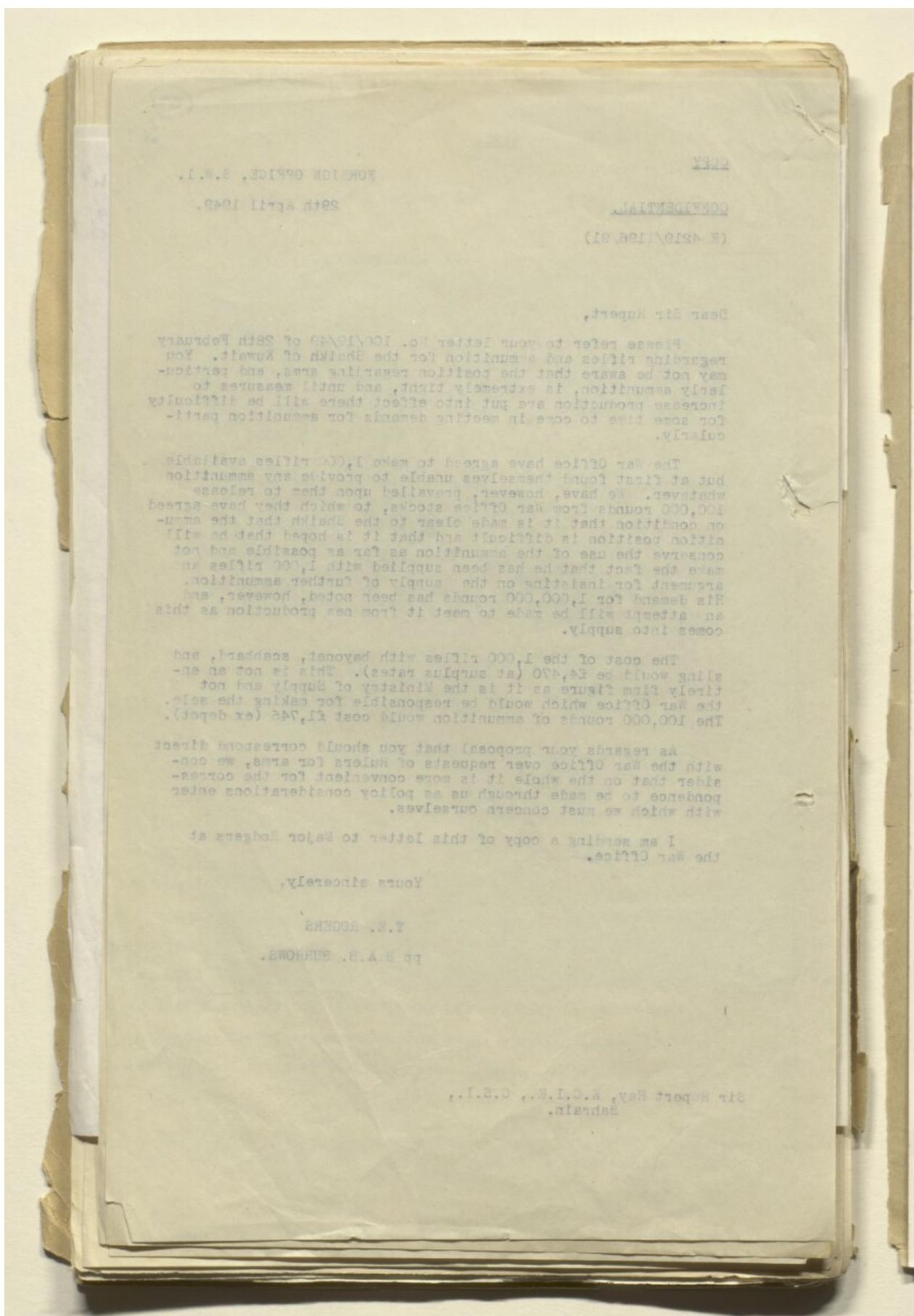
I am sending a copy of this letter to Major Rodgers at the War Office.

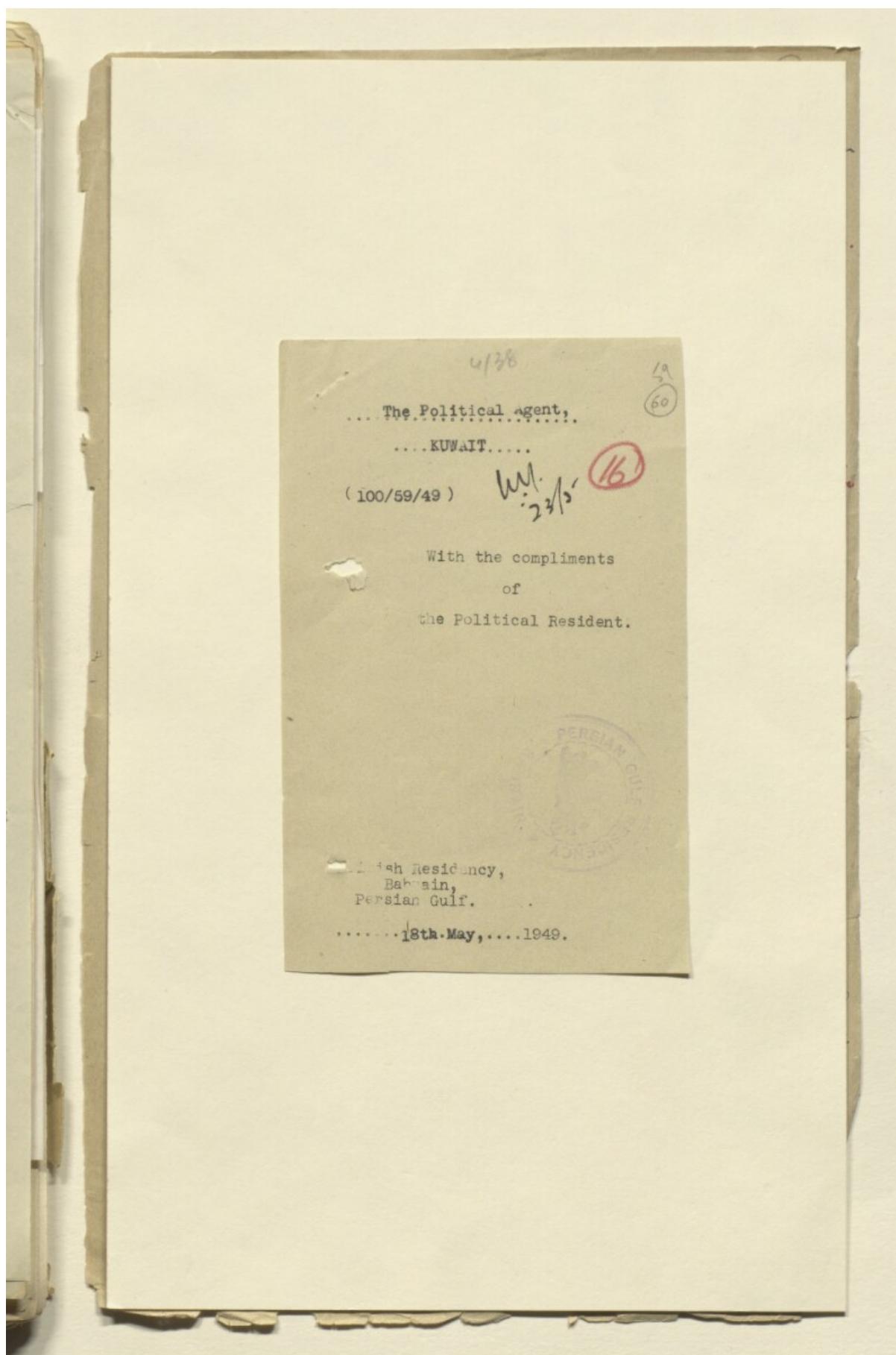
Yours sincerely,

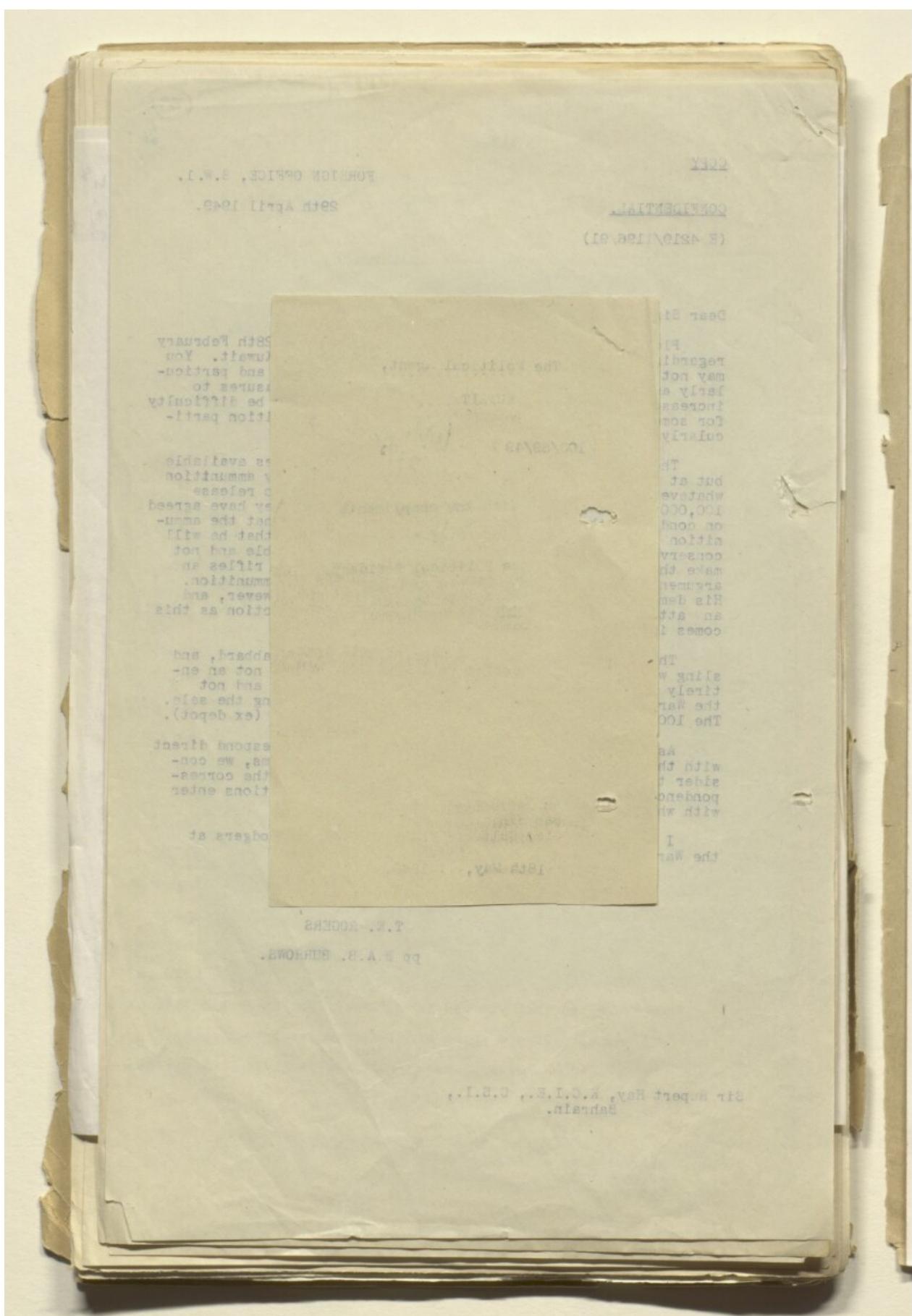
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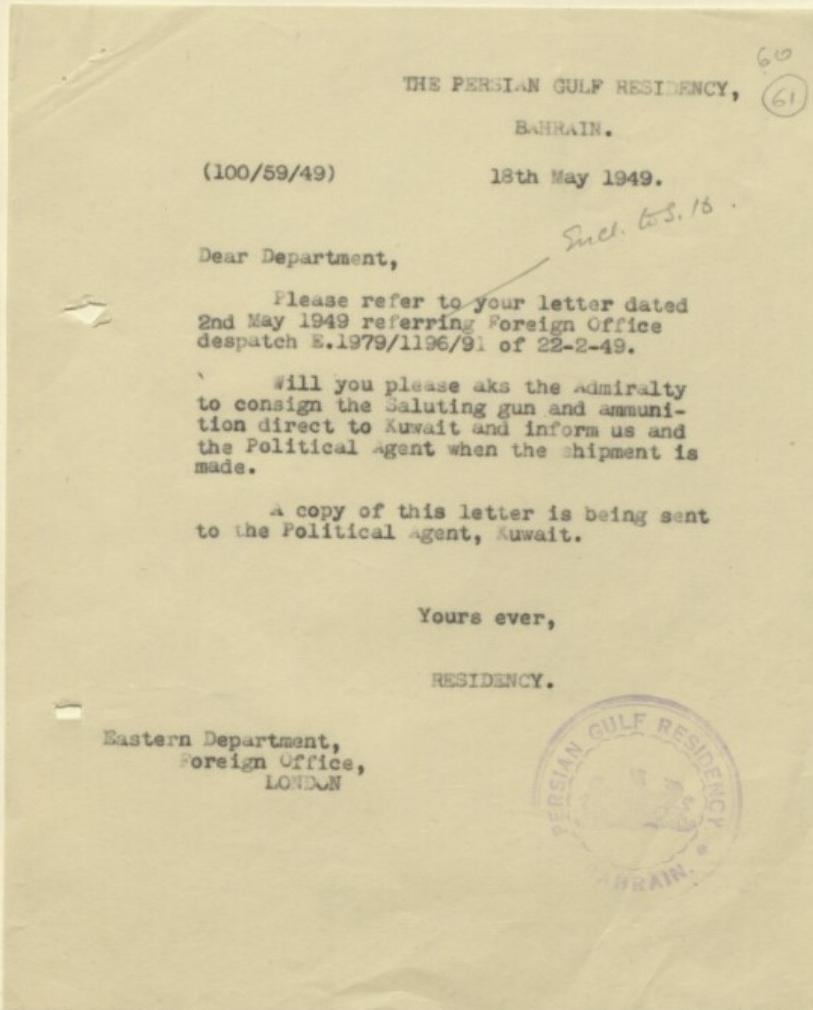
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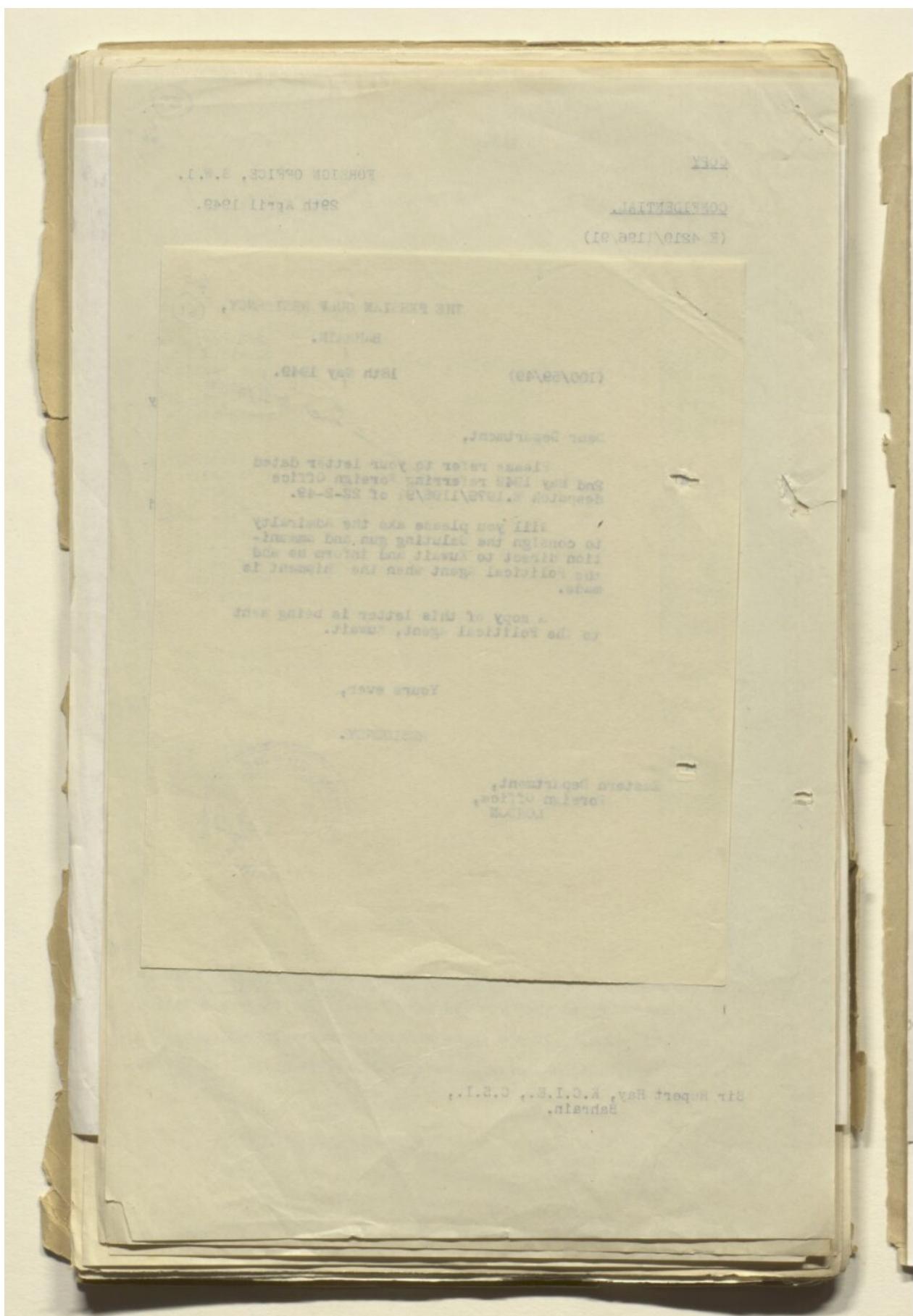
Sir Rupert Hay, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Bahrain.













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Telegram Code.
From Political, Kuwait.
To Prodrome, Bahrain.
Tel. No. 116.
Dated 28th May, 1949.

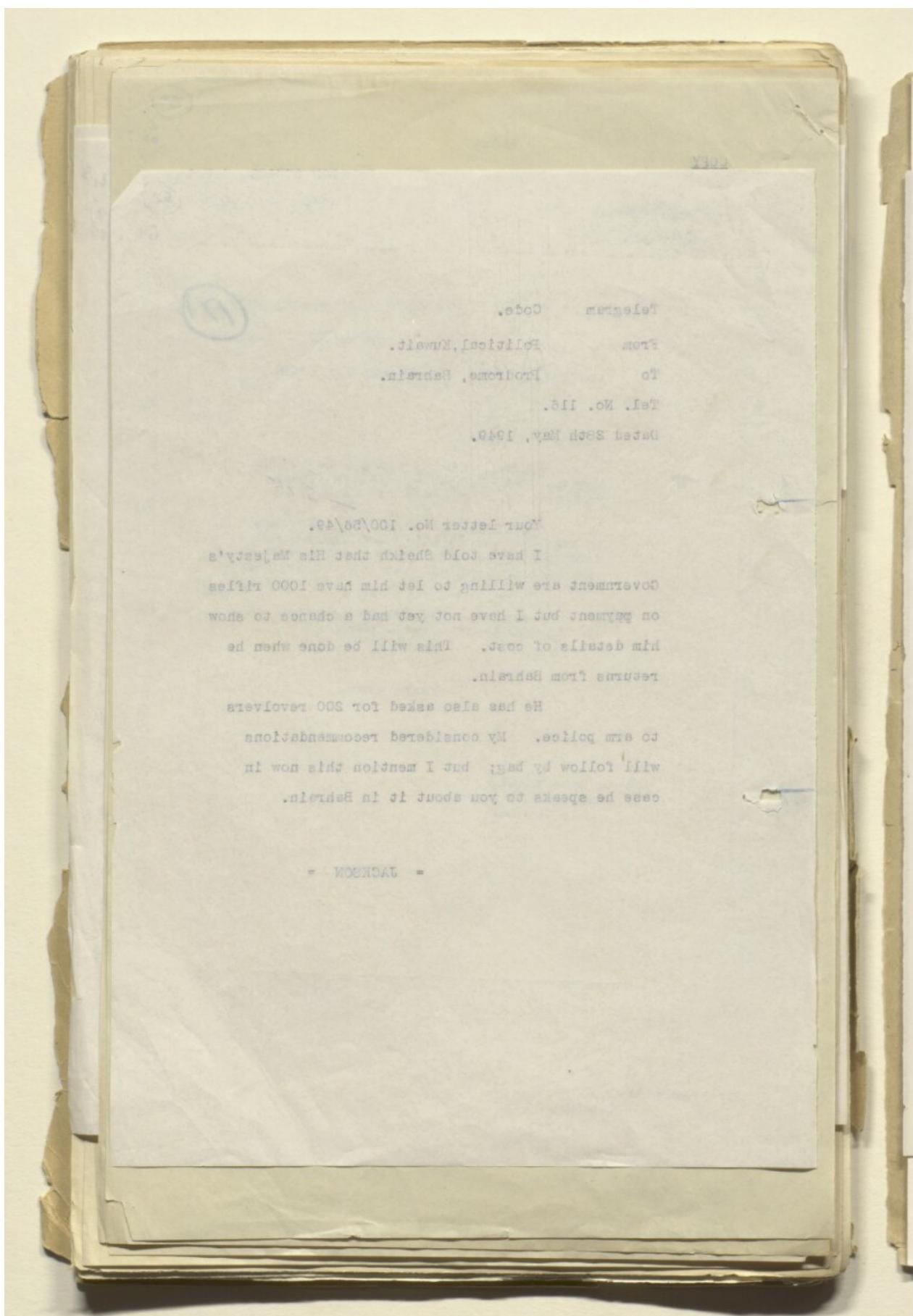
— S. 15 —

Your letter No. 100/56/49.

I have told Sheikh that His Majesty's Government are willing to let him have 1000 rifles on payment but I have not yet had a chance to show him details of cost. This will be done when he returns from Bahrain.

He has also asked for 200 revolvers to arm police. My considered recommendations will follow by bag; but I mention this now in case he speaks to you about it in Bahrain.

= JACKSON =



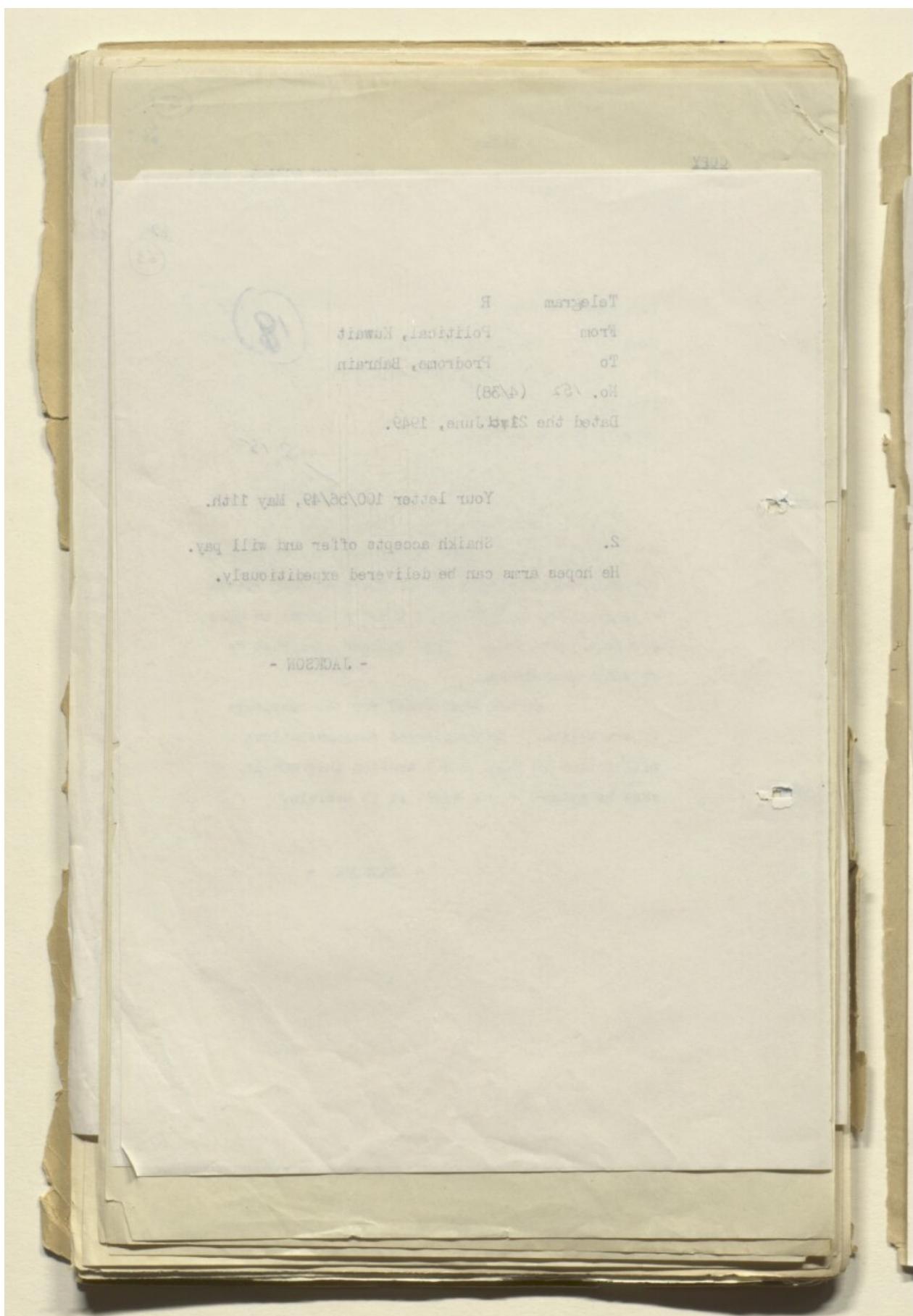


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Telegram R
From Political, Kuwait
To Prodrome, Bahrain
No. 152 (4/38)
Dated the 23rd June, 1949.

S. 15
Your letter 100/56/49, May 11th.

2. Shaikh accepts offer and will pay.
He hopes arms can be delivered expeditiously.

- JACKSON -





No. C/57 (4/38)

The Political Agency,
Kuwait.

June 17, 1949.

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S. 17.

Please refer to my telegram No. 116 of the
28th May, 1949.

2. Now that the Sheikh has decided to employ
some British police personnel (my letter No. C/149
refers), I can recommend that he be allowed to
buy and import the 200 revolvers asked for.

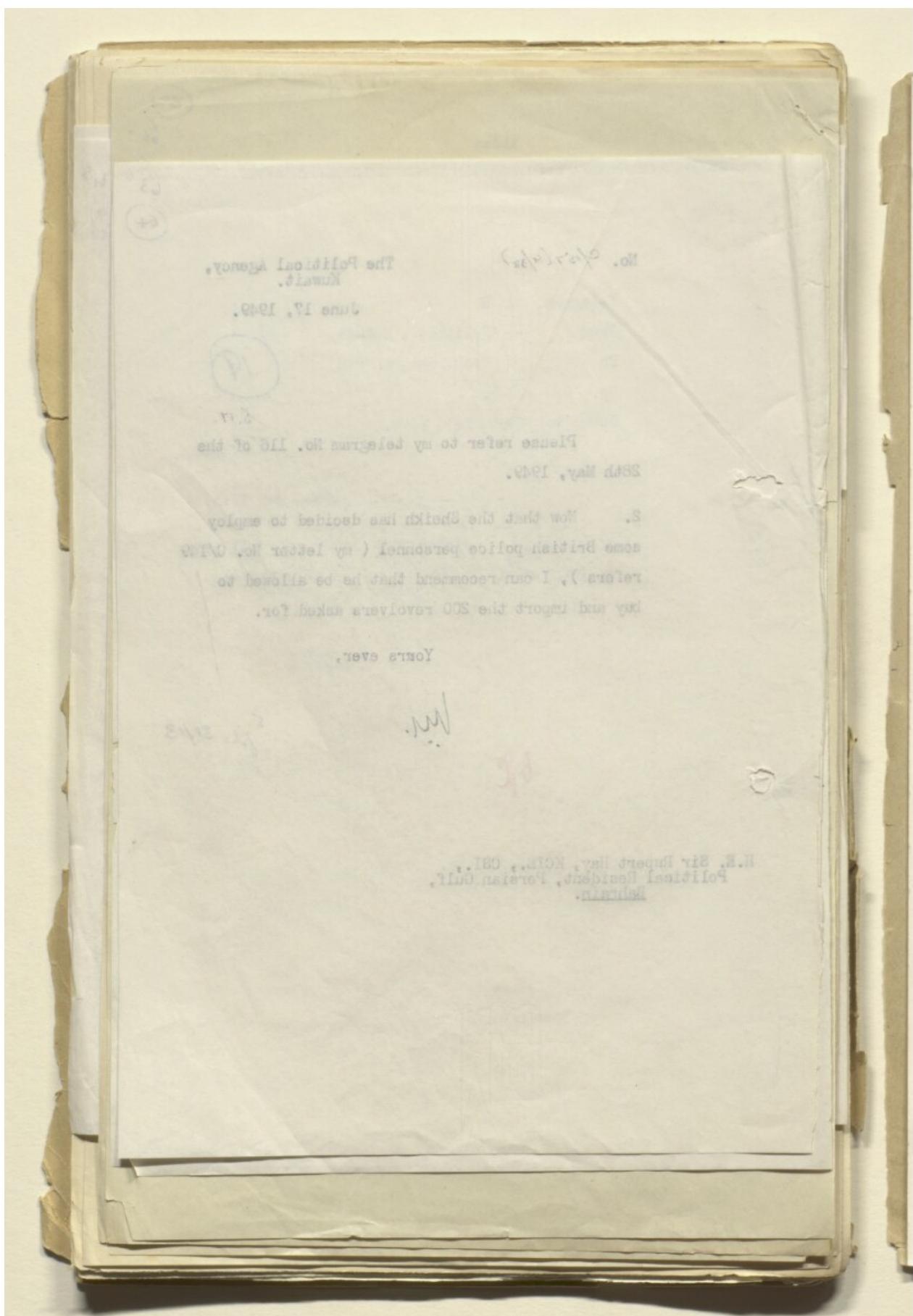
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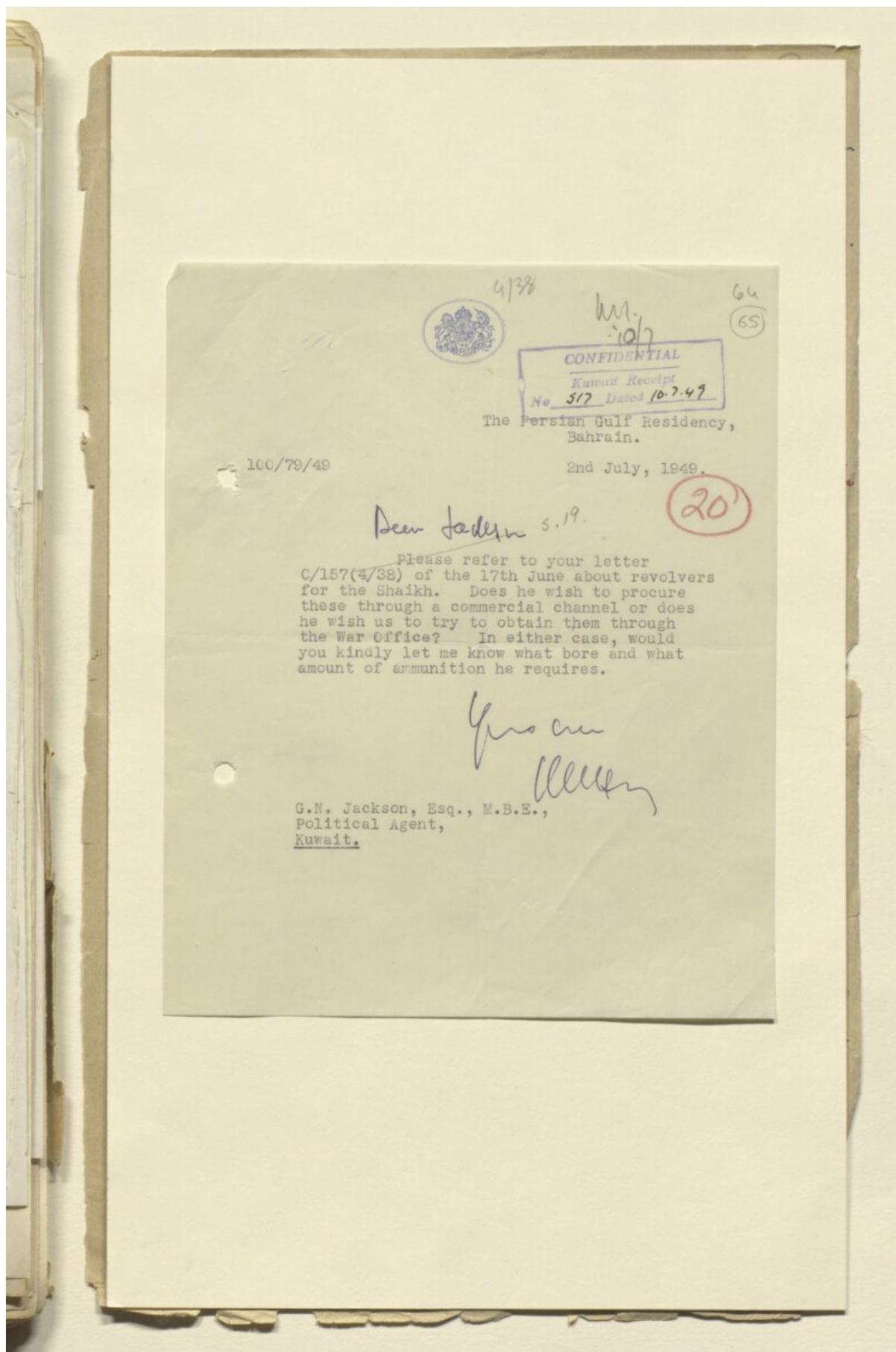
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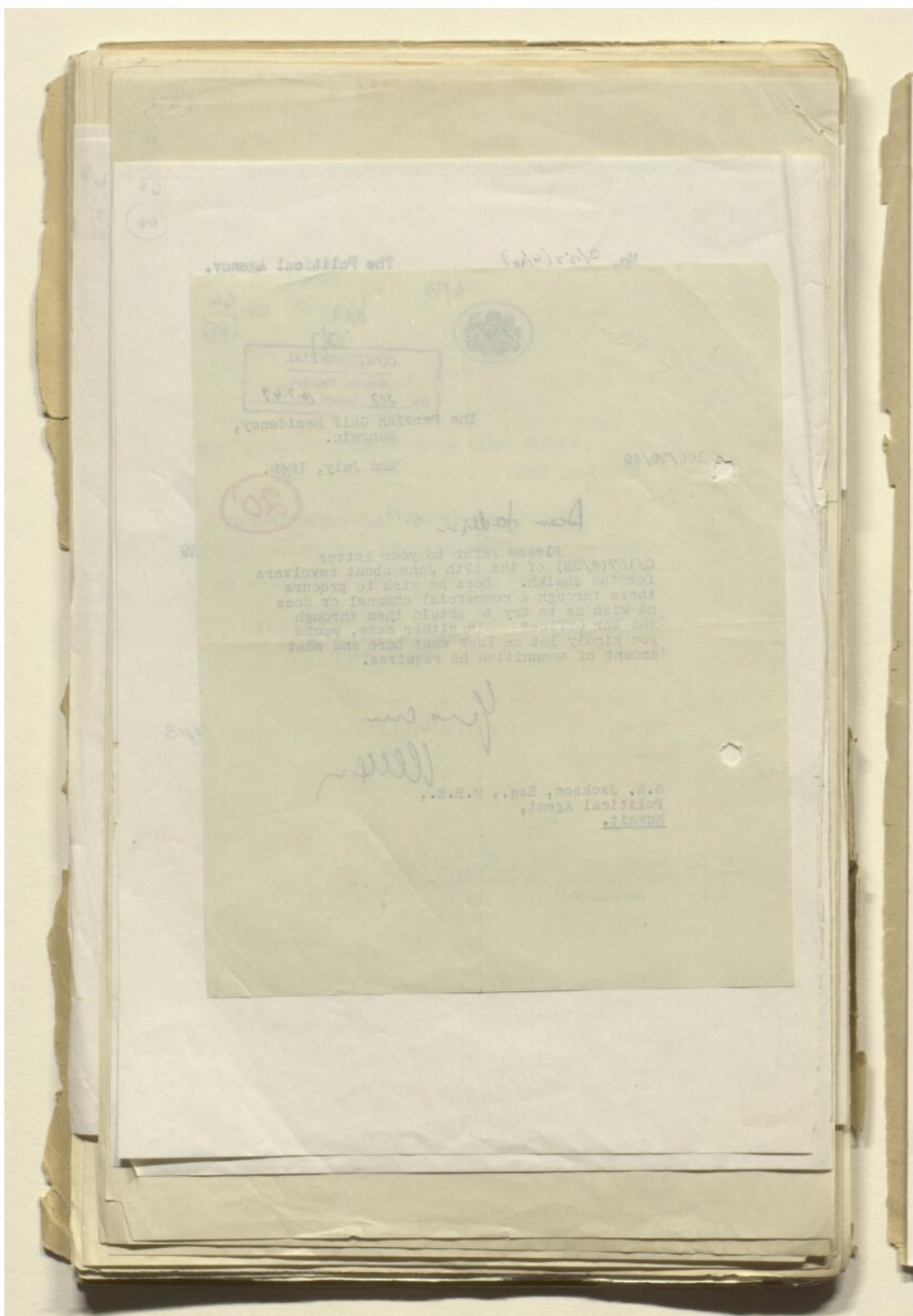
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H.E. Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.









No.C/184(4/38)

The Political Agency,
Kuwait.
12th July, 1949.

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Please refer to your letter No. 100/79/49
of the 2nd July, 1949.

2. The Shaikh requires .38 Colt or Webley &
Scott service revolvers from the War Office if
possible.

3. He would like 300 rounds of ammunition
for each or, failing that, as much as can be
made available.

Yours ever,

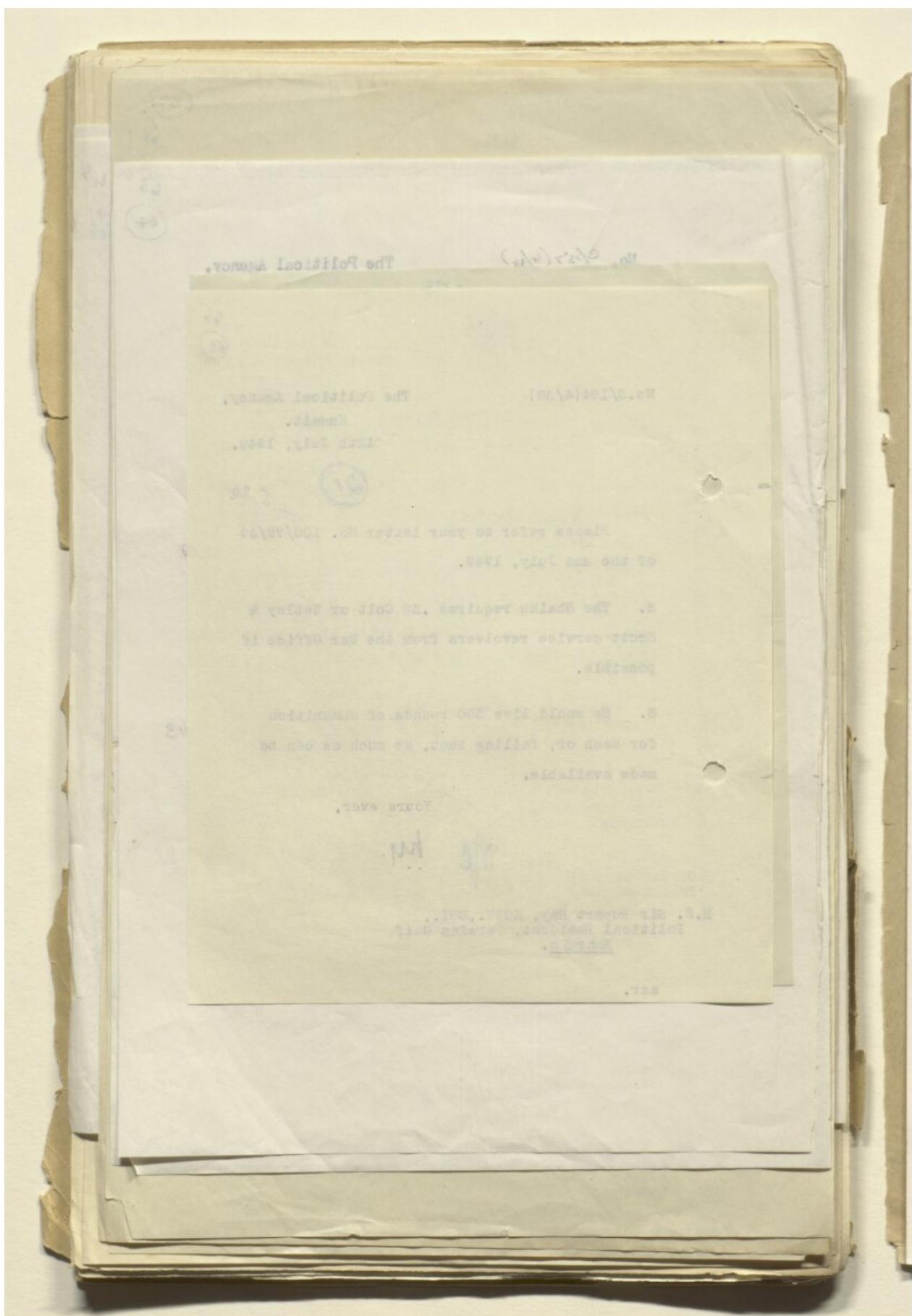
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H.E. Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

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No. C/97 (4/38)

The Political Agency,
Kuwait.

31st July, 1949.

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Please refer to my telegram No. 152 of the
23rd June and my letter No. C/184 of the 12th
July, 1949.

2. The Shaikh called on me this morning and
in the course of conversation asked if any thing
could be done to speed up the supply of the rifles
and revolvers.

3. Are there any developments that I can
report to him ?

Yours ever,

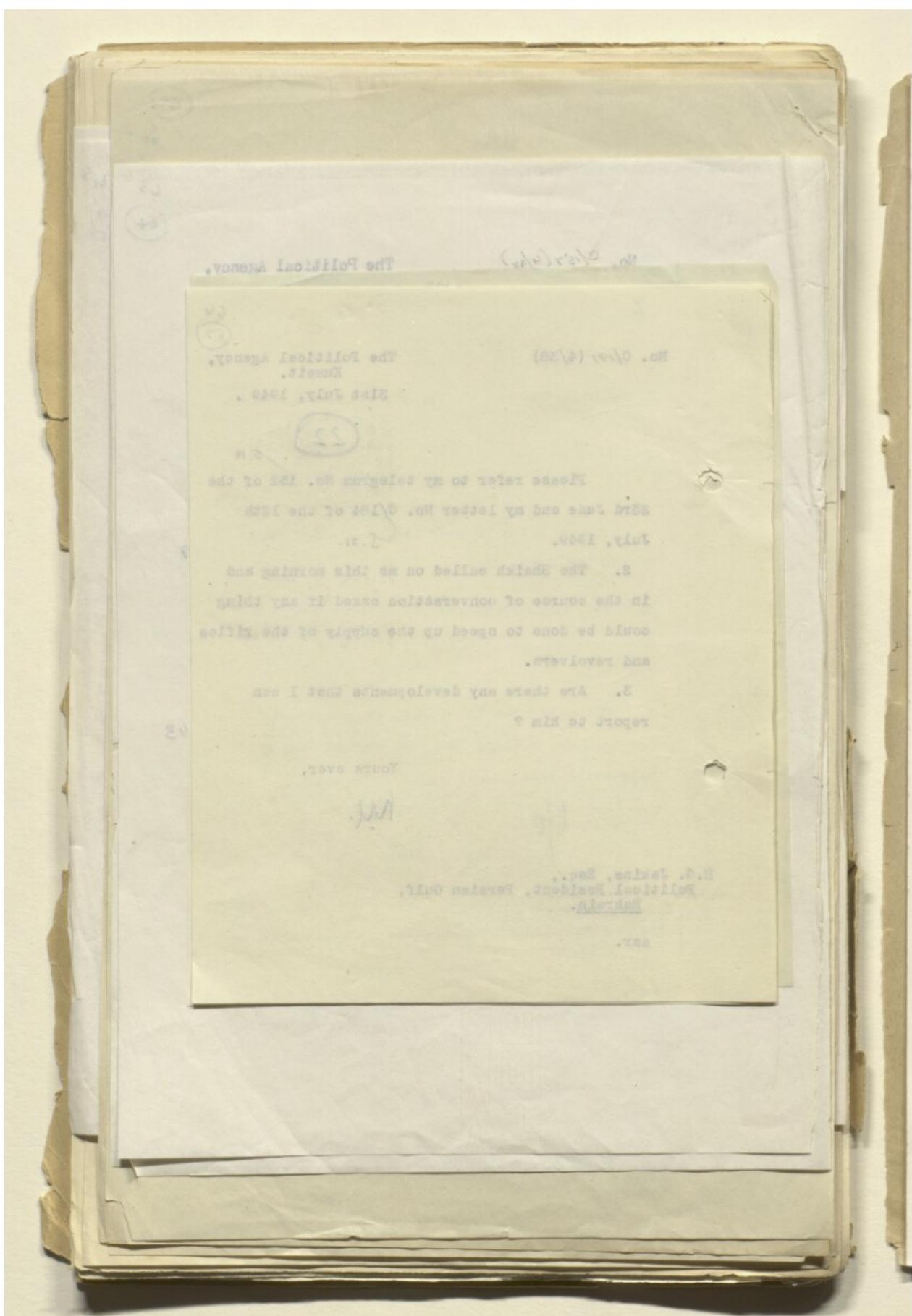
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H.G. Jakins, Esq.,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
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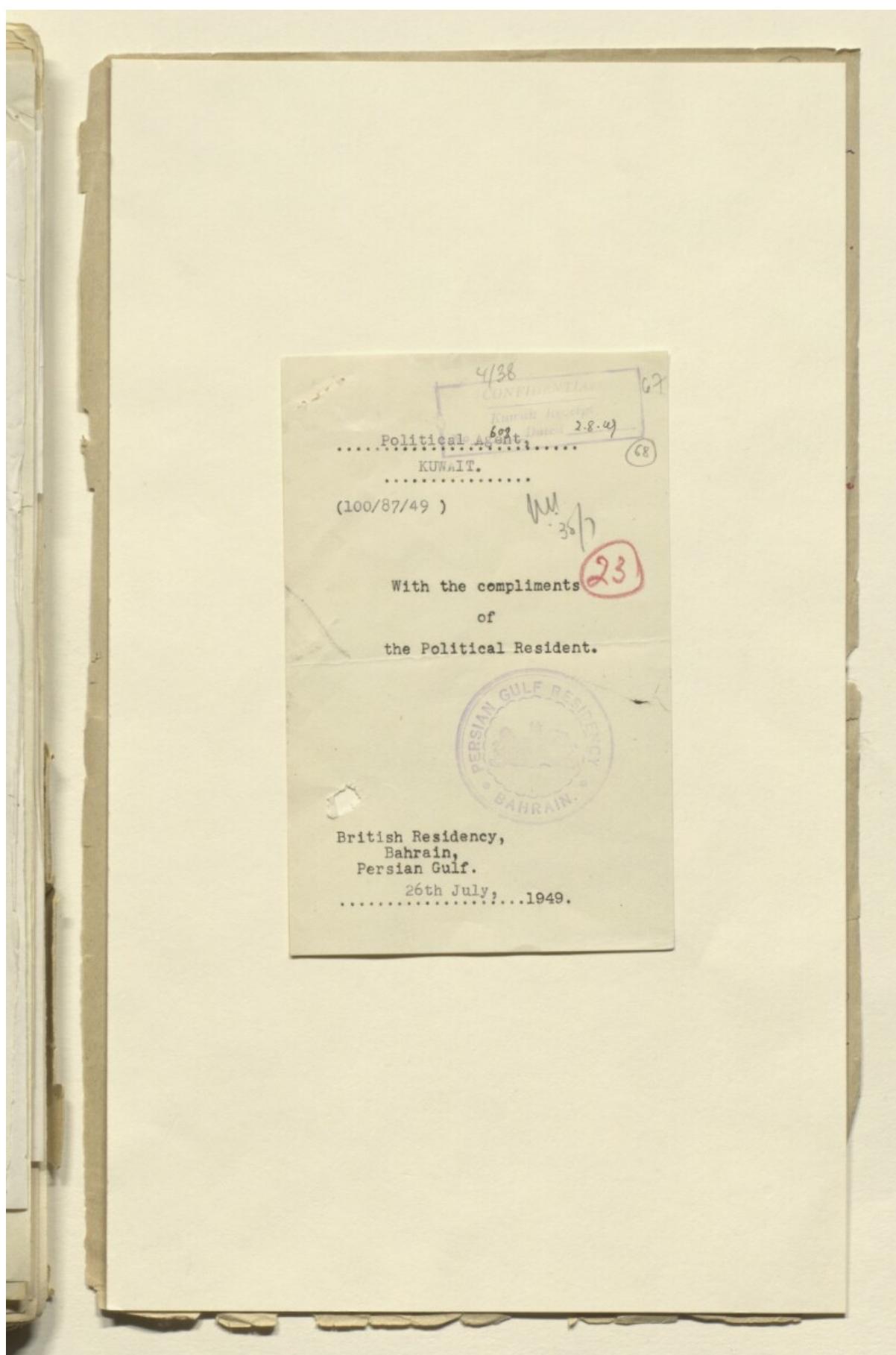


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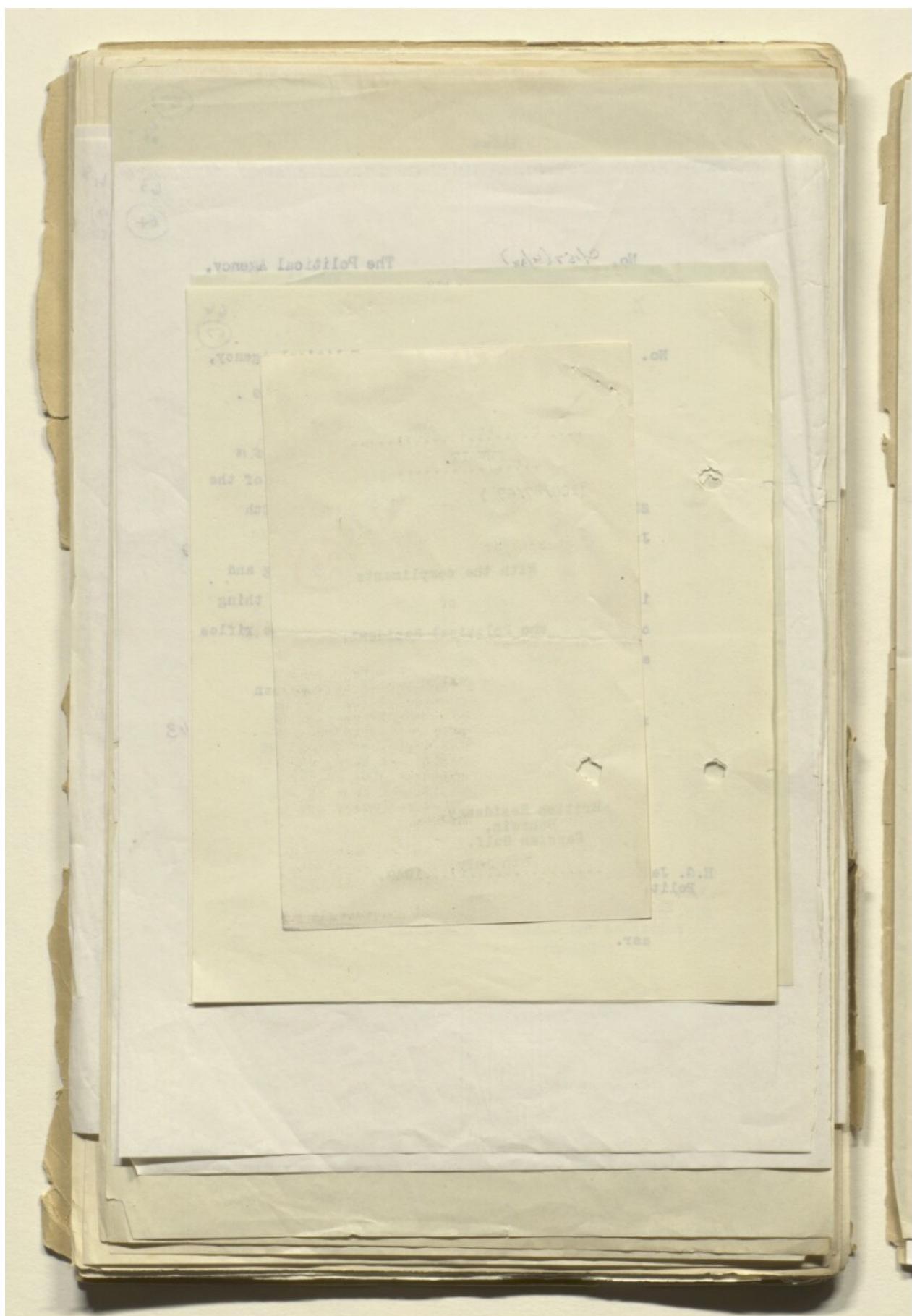


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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.

(100/87/49)

26th July, 1949.

With reference to Sir Rupert Hay's 100/73/49 of 25th June, 1949, enclosing a consolidated list of request for Arms and Ammunition from the Gulf States, we have now received a further request from the Shaikh of Kuwait for 200 Colt or Webley and Scott .38 Service revolvers, together with 60,000 rounds of ammunition, or failing that as much as is available. These revolvers are required to arm the Police.

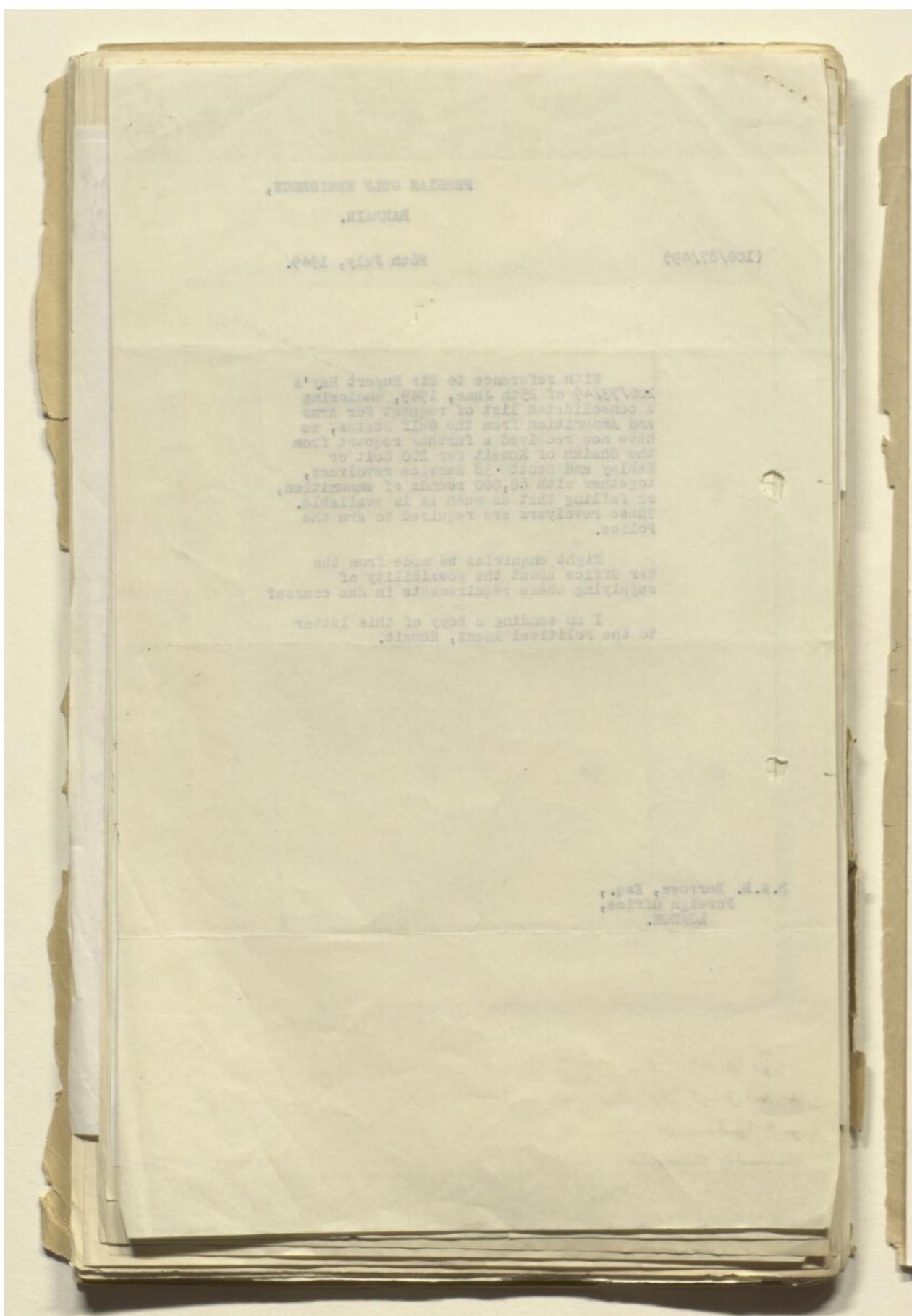
Might enquiries be made from the War Office about the possibility of supplying these requirements in due course?

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Political Agent, Kuwait.

B.A.B. Burrows, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
LONDON.

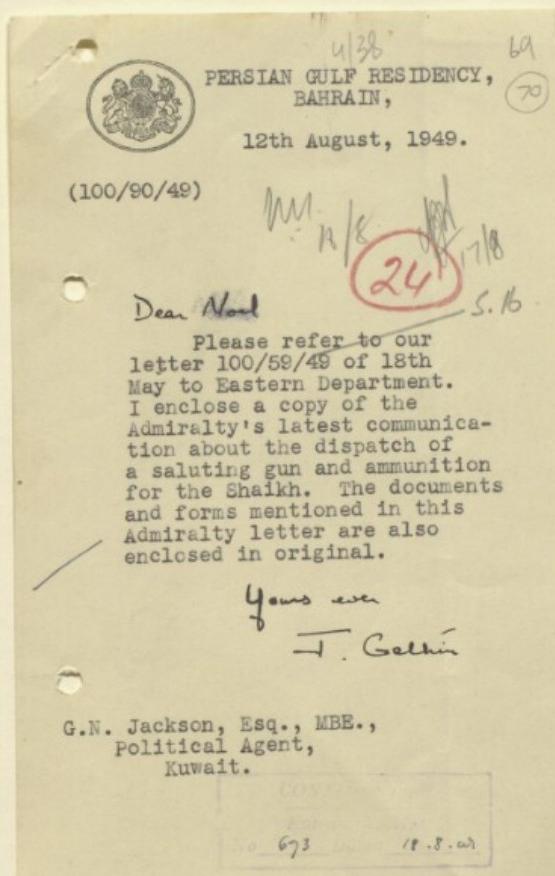


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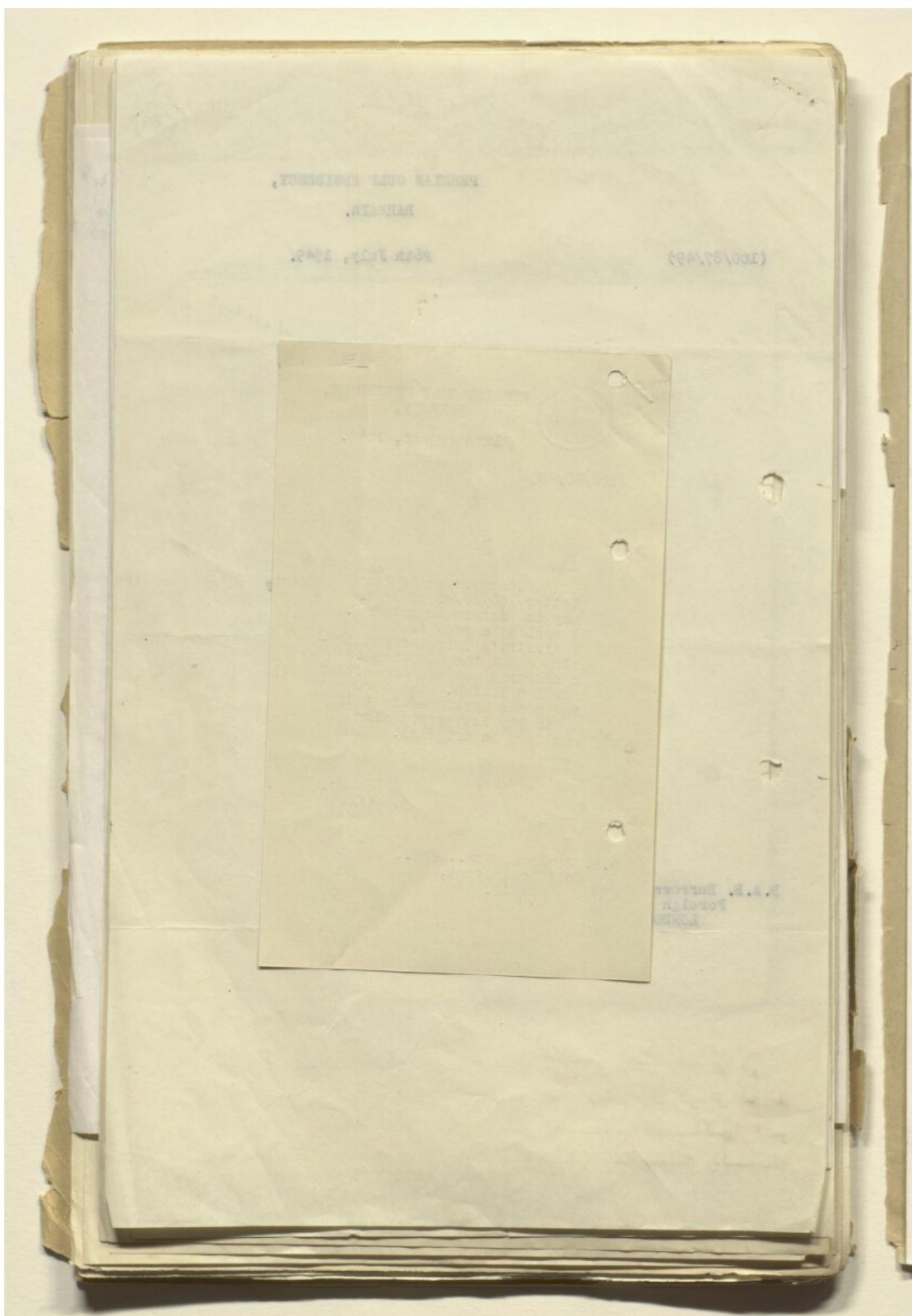


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'File 4/38 Supply of Saluting Gun for the Shaikh of Kuwait' [69v]
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Military Branch,
Admiralty,
S.W.1.

9236 26th July, 1949.

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Dear Rogers,

Stewart sent me on the 26th May a copy of a letter (100/59/49) dated 18th idem from the Persian Gulf Residency, Bahrain, in regard to the supply of a saluting gun and ammunition for the Sheikh of Kuwait. I write to say that arrangements have now been made for the despatch to Kuwait of a Q.F. 3 pounder Hotchkiss gun Reg. No. 2193, with mounting and 500 rounds of blank ammunition. Shipping particulars will be notified in due course.

2. Copies of the relevant issue orders (2 in No.) and an advance copy of form D.693 are enclosed for transmission to the Persian Gulf Residency, Bahrain.

Yours sincerely,

*T.E. Rogers, Esq., M.B.E.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.*

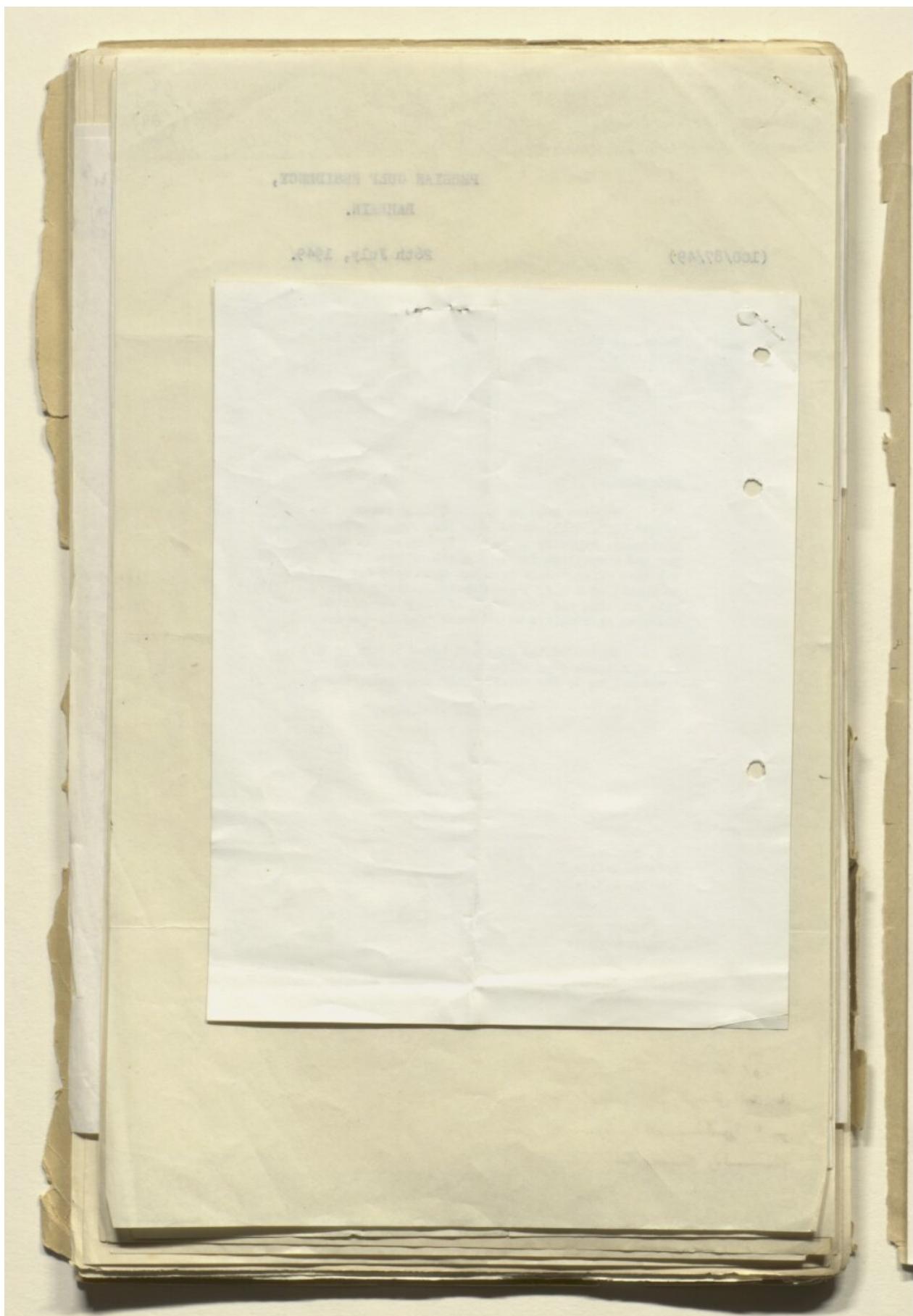
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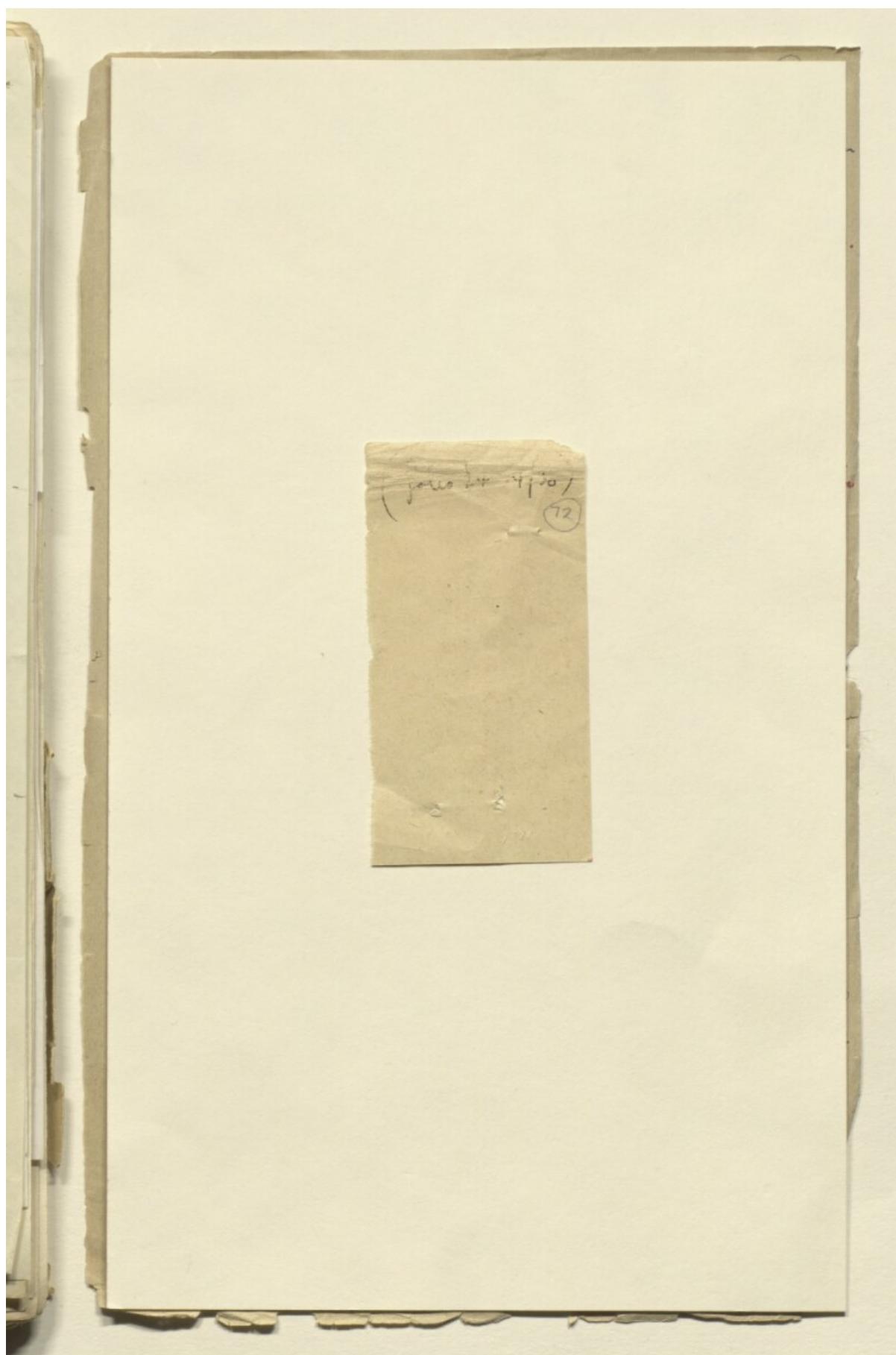


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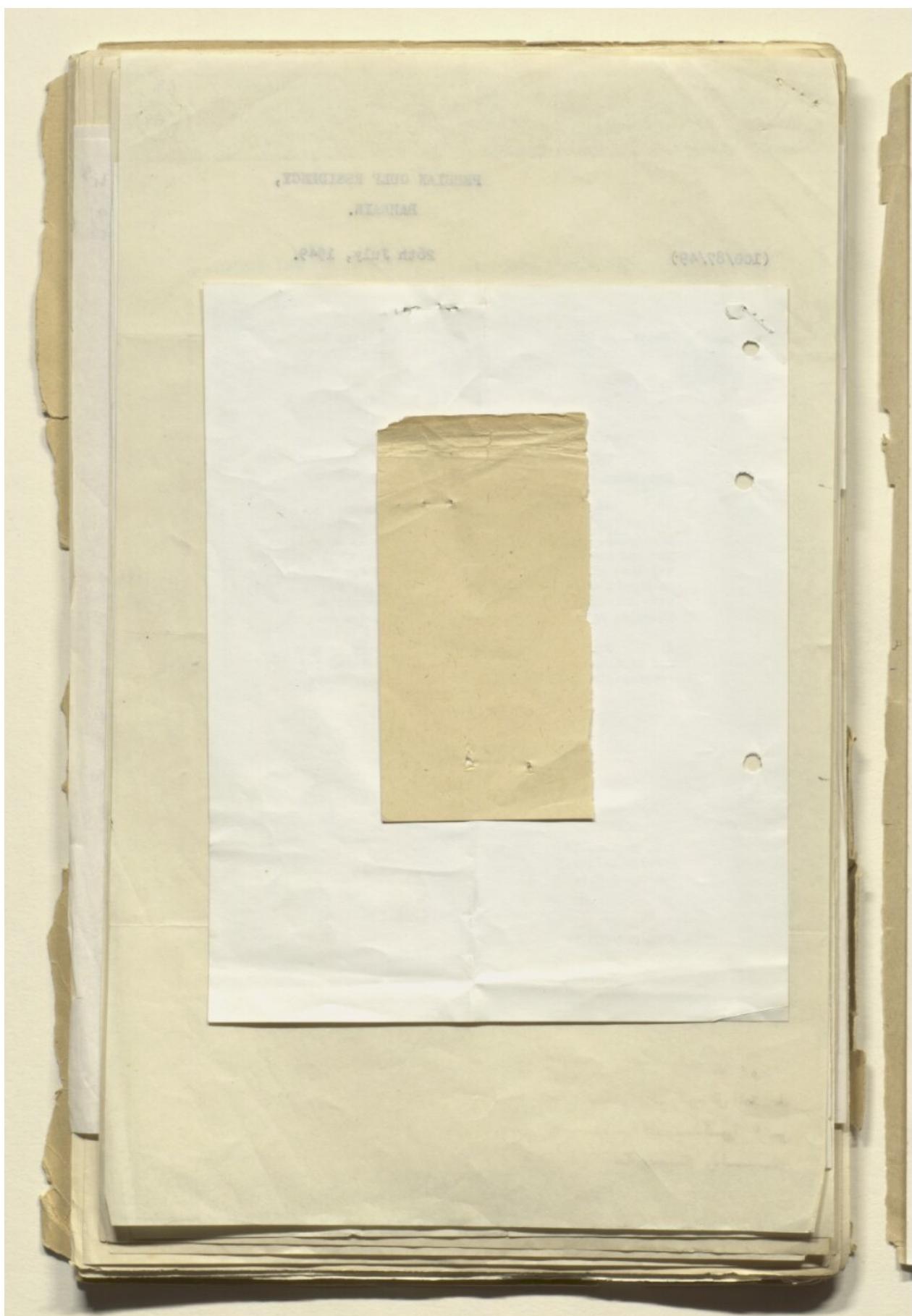


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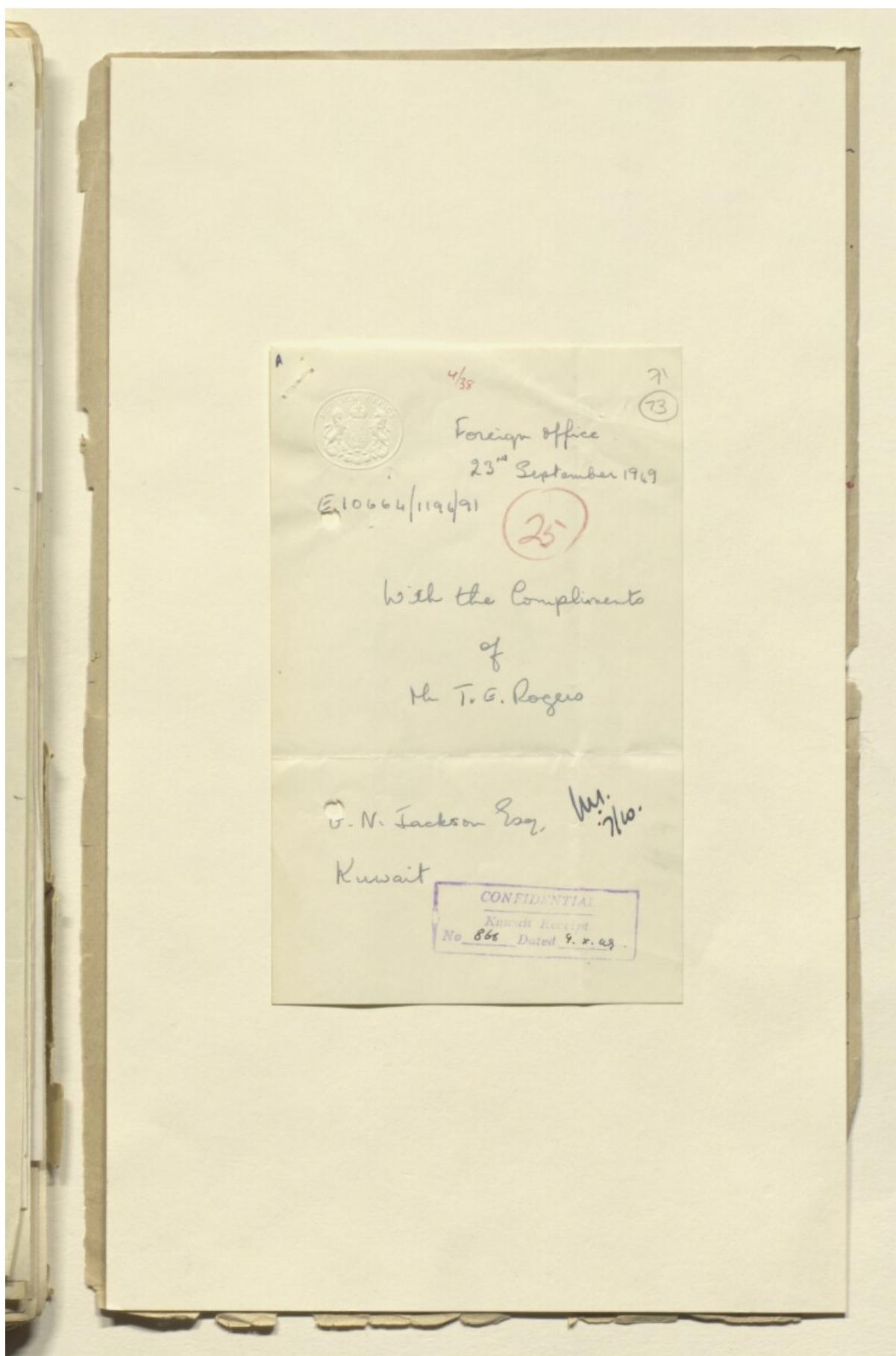


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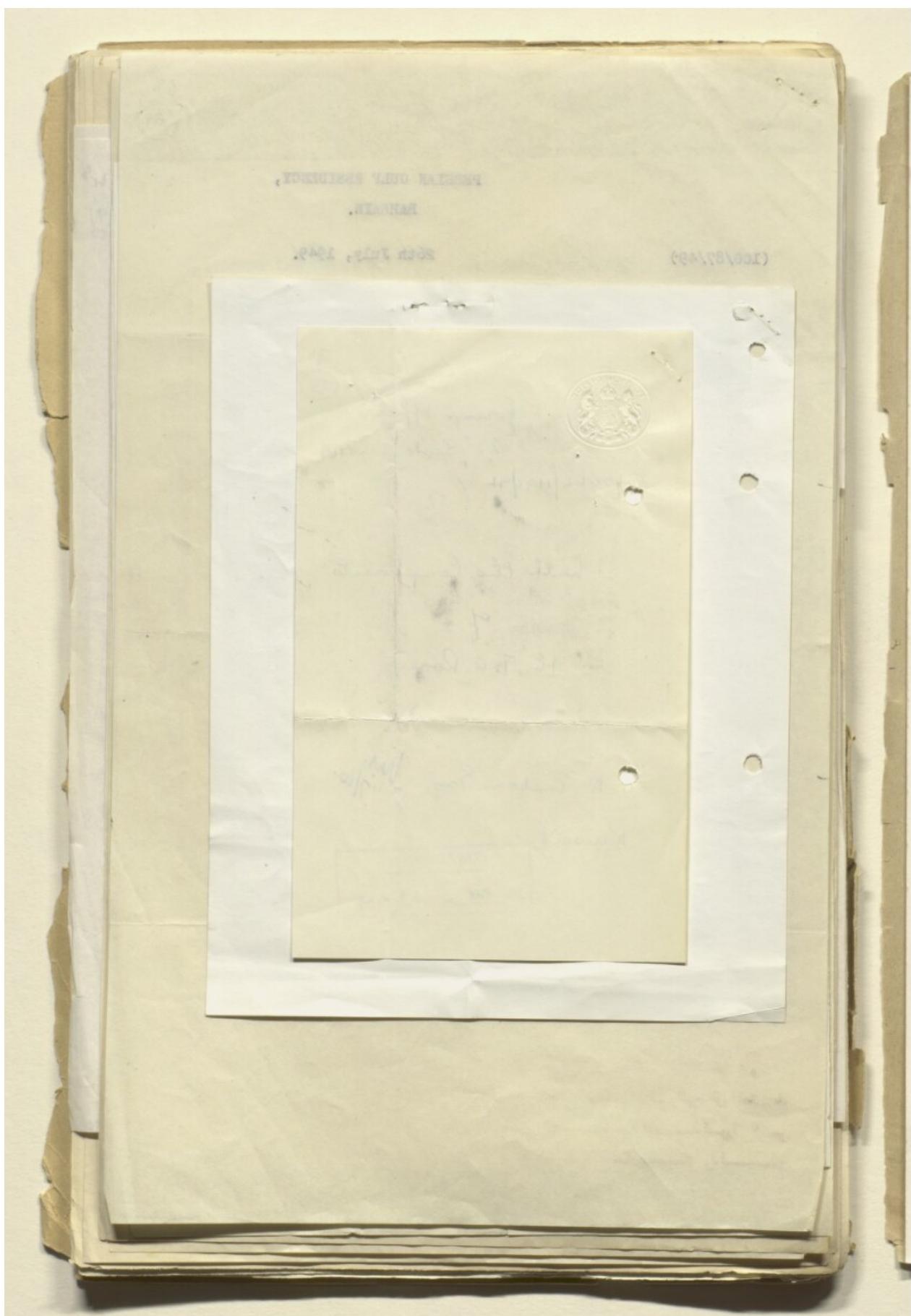


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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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25rd September, 1949.

Dear Sir Rupert

8.23.

Will you please refer to Jakins' letter No. 100/87/49
of 26th July, 1949 on the subject of a request from the
Shaikh of Kuwait for revolvers.

After making unsuccessful enquiries from the War Office we approached Messrs. Webley and Scott direct, and they have said that they can supply 200 Webley Mark IV .38 Revolvers with 5" barrels, as illustrated on page 6 of their catalogue enclosed herewith, at £8.10.0. nett from their works. Delivery would commence in six months from receipt of order, and the order would be completed in a further three months. They add that they could perhaps supply the revolvers more quickly if fitted with 4" barrels instead of 5", if the shorter barrel is preferred. Should the Shaikh wish to make direct enquiries from the Company the references of their letters to me are:-

1. No.B/JT/1883/Y of 13th September, 1949.
2. No.B/JT/1896/Y of 14th September, 1949.

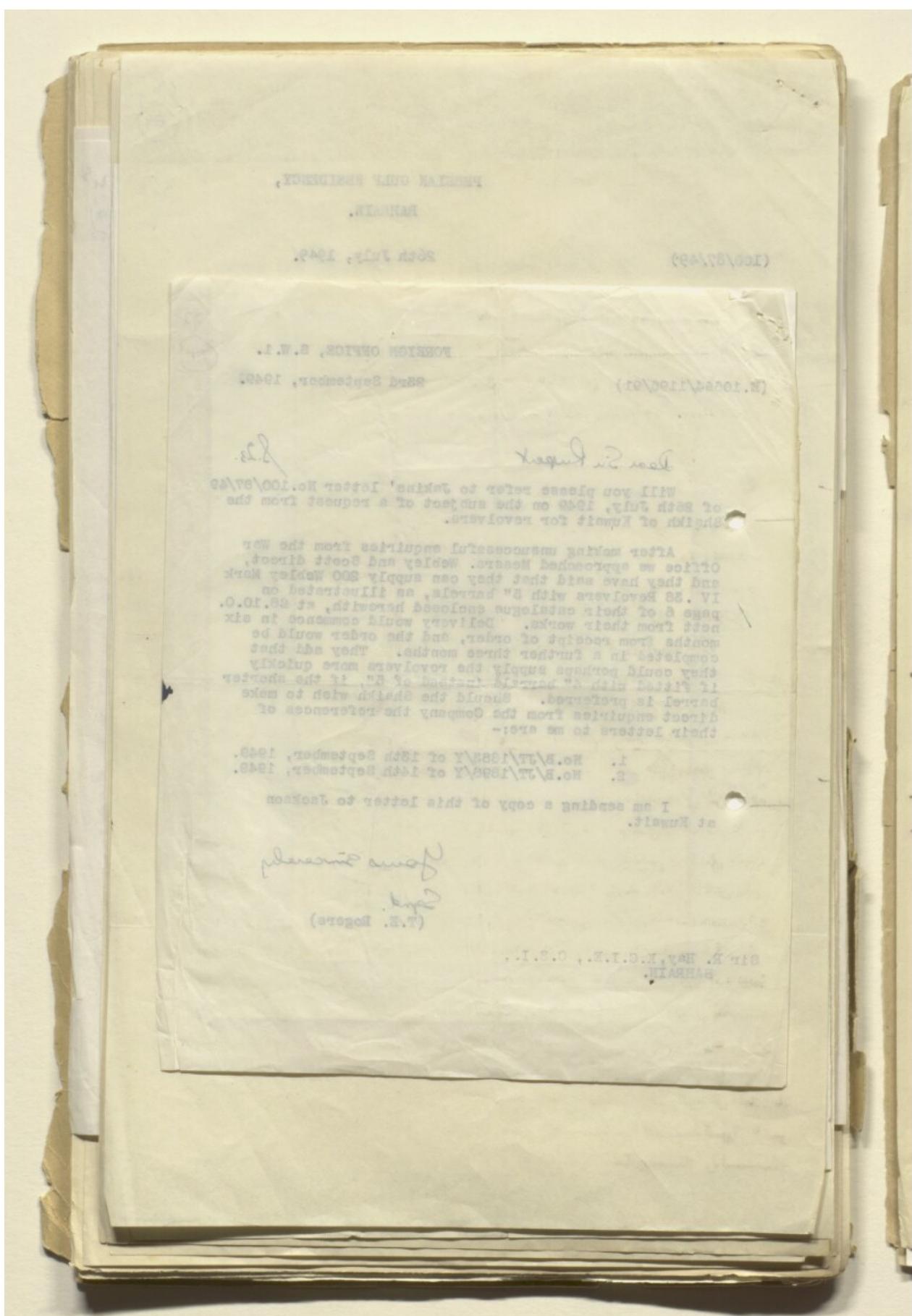
I am sending a copy of this letter to Jackson
at Kuwait.

Yours sincerely
Sgn'd.
(T.E. Rogers)

Sir R. Hay, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
BAHRAM.



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رقم No. 221(4/28). The Political Agency,
دار الاعتماد Kuwait.
الاثنين ١٨ أكتوبر ١٩٤٩ 18th October, 1949.

حضره صاحب السمو الشيخ سر
احمد الجابر الصباح
كnight of the Order of the
Emir of Kuwait - Knight of the
Emir of Kuwait

تحية واحترام شاكلتين
أشكر ان اشتهر الى الحد ^{بـ}
الذى جرى بيننا منذ عـد غـير يـهد بـخصوص
المـسـمـات وـان اطـمـمـ مـصـرـكـمـ
بان - بعد اجـراـ الاستـفـارـاتـ النـجـحةـ
ممـ وزـارـةـ السـرـيـنةـ اـنـتـلـتـ وزـارـةـ
الـشـئـونـ الـخـارـجـةـ بـالـسـادـةـ وـهـيـ اـنـ سـكـوتـ
رـاسـاـ رـهـمـ اـفـادـ وـاـتـهـمـ قـادـرـينـ عـلـىـ
تجـهـيزـ مـلـئـنـ مـسـنـ وـيـطـيـ مـارـكـ ٤ـ - ١٣٨ـ
ذـوـاتـ مـاسـوـرـةـ حـجـمـ ٥ـ اـنـ طـولـ مـسـرـ نـعـانـ
جـهـيـاتـ اـسـتـرـلـيـ وـعـشـرـ شـلـانـاتـ حـافـيـ منـ اـنـعـمـ
وـالـتـلـيمـ عـلـىـ كـلـ اـقـدـ يـهـتـدـيـ فـيـ ظـرـفـ مـسـنـةـ اـشـهـرـ
مـنـ تـارـيخـ تـدـمـ الـطـلـبـ وـمـتـمـ الـطـلـبـيـ ظـرـفـ
ثـلـاثـ اـشـهـرـ اـخـرـىـ . وـقـدـ لـذـانـواـ اـشـلـيـنـ بـانـ
كـانـ مـنـ الـعـكـنـ تـلـيمـ المـسـمـاتـ
بـاسـرـ وـقـتـ لـوـلـهـاـ مـجـهـزـ بـمـسـوـرـ ذاتـ ٤ـ
انـجـاتـ عـوـضـاعـنـ ٦ـ اـنـجـاتـ - فـيـماـ اـذـاـ عـضـلـاـ
سـعـوكـمـ الـعاـسـرـةـ الـاـتـصـرـ ٧ـ وـارـفـ ٨ـ بـظـمـهـ
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١٠ـ وـاـذـاـ رـغـبـتـ سـعـوكـمـ اـنـ تـحـلـواـ رـاسـاـ
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هـنـاـ لـاطـلـاعـ سـعـوكـمـ اـرـاقـمـ الرـسـائلـ الـمـنـبـلـصـةـ
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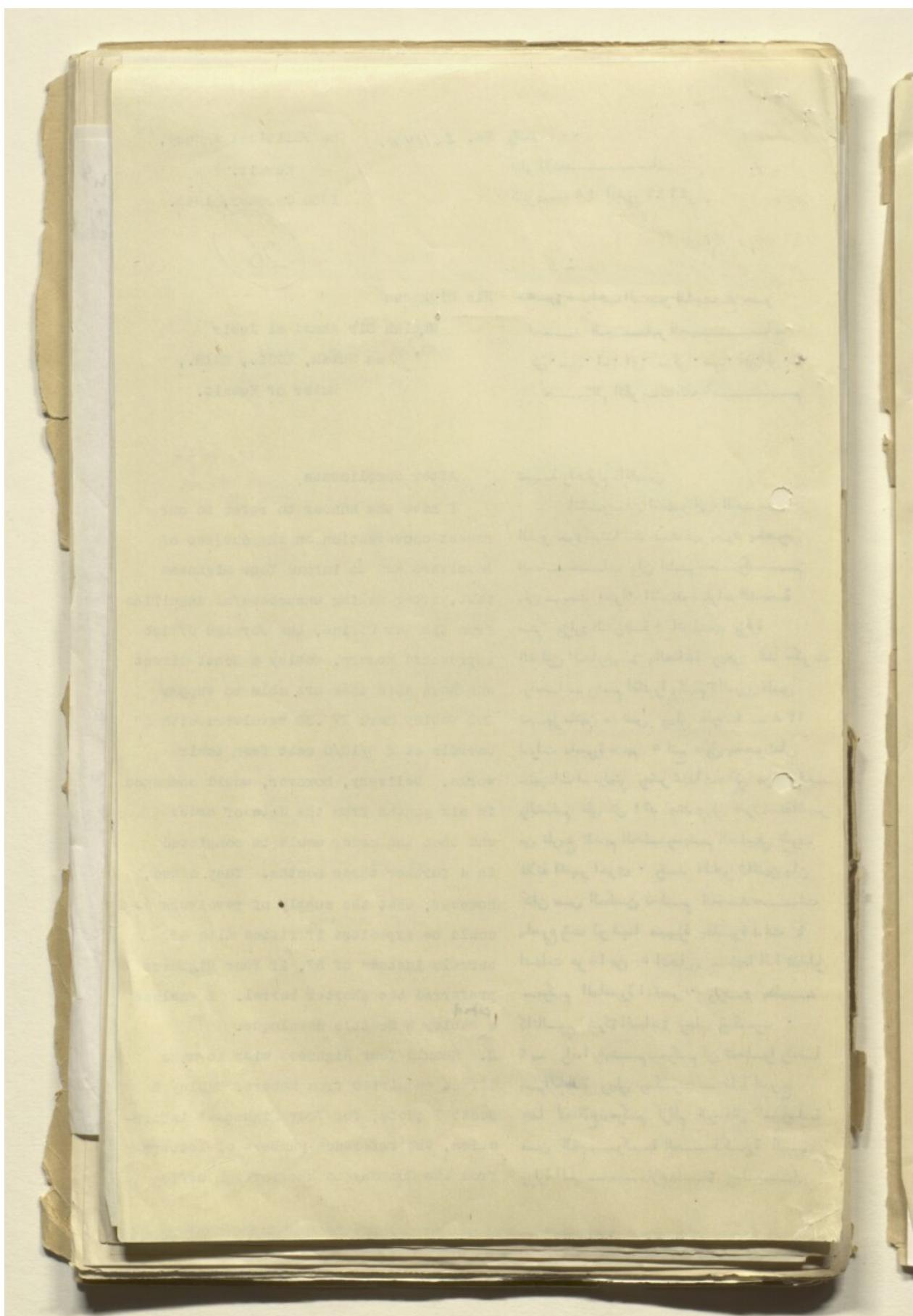
After Compliments

I have the honour to refer to our recent conversation on the subject of Revolvers and to inform Your Highness that, after making unsuccessful enquiries from the War Office, the Foreign Office approached Messrs. Webley & Scott direct who have said they are able to supply 200 Webley Mark IV .38 revolvers with 5" barrels at £ 8/10/0 nett from their works. Delivery, however, would commence in six months from the date of order and that the order would be completed in a further three months. They added, however, that the supply of revolvers could be expedited if fitted with 4" barrels instead of 5", if Your Highness preferred the shorter barrel. I enclose a Webley & Scott's catalogue.

2. Should Your Highness wish to make direct enquiries from Messrs. Webley & Scott I quote, for Your Highness' information, the reference numbers of letters from the Company to the Foreign Office



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رکم - وهمي
رقم بي / ايجي تي / ١٨٨٣ / راي ١٢ سبتمبر
١٩٤٤

رقم بي / ايجي تي / ١٨٩٦ / راي ١٤١ / سبتمبر ١٩٤٩
٢ - ساكنون نصرازا لاطم عصا
اذا مسوكتم تحتاجوا الى ساعدات
احرى بهذا الخصوص.

عذرا وتنسلوا يا اصحاب المسئر بقبول فائق
لحرف اماتي وديتضم

about Your Highness' requirements:

No.B/JT/1883/Y Sept., 13th, 1949

No.B/JT/1896/Y Sept., 14th, 1949.

3. I should be glad to know if Your
Highness requires any further assistance
in the matter.

Usual ending.

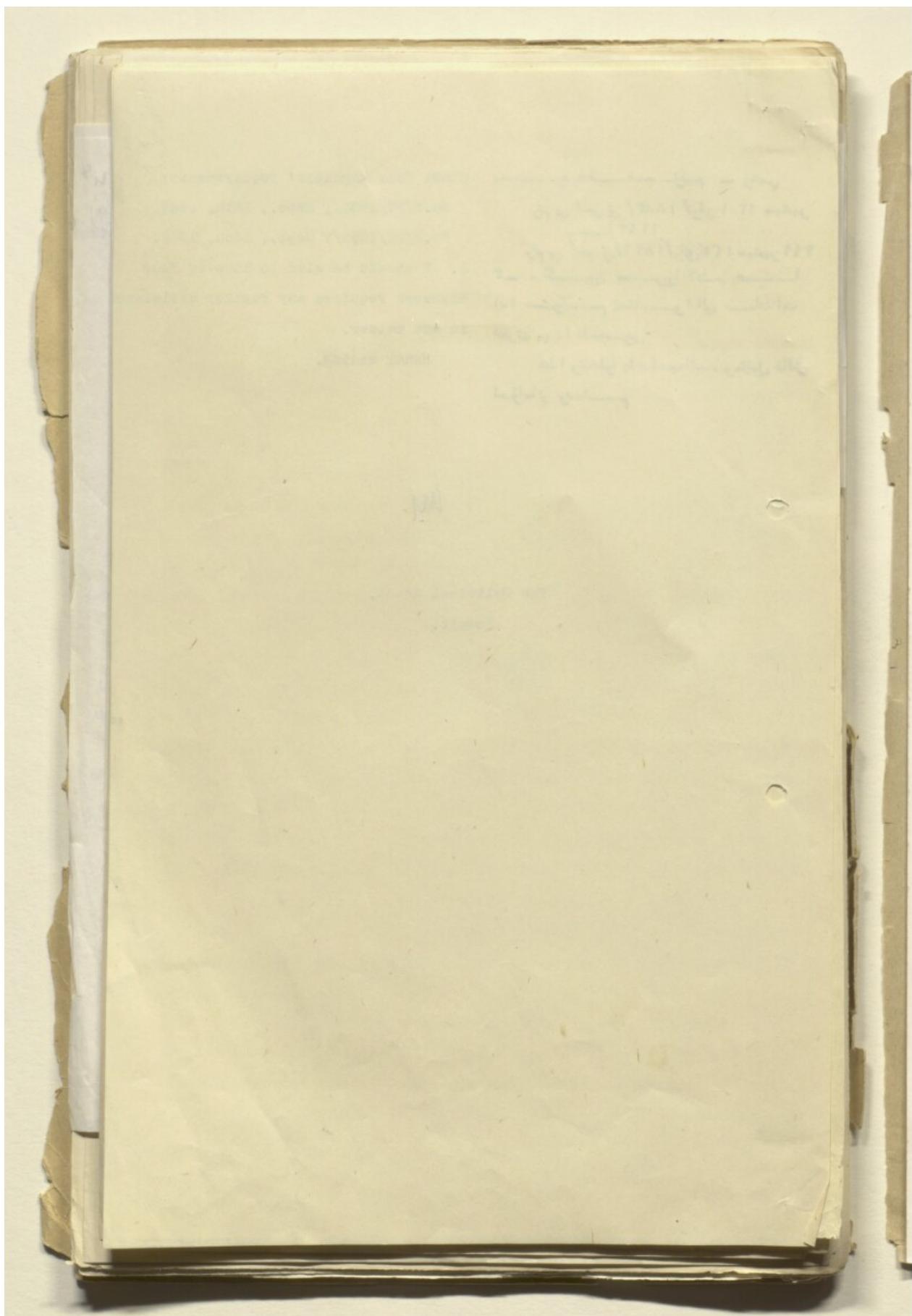
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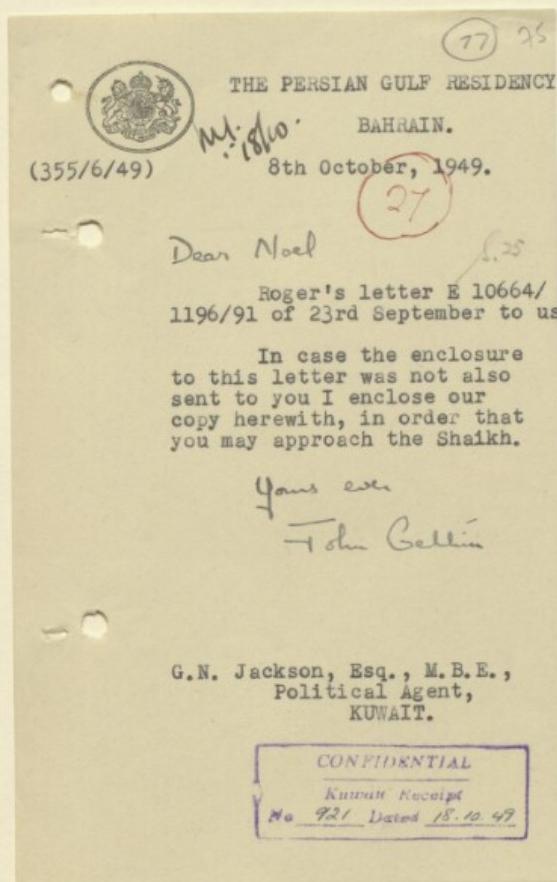
The Political Agent,
Kuwait.

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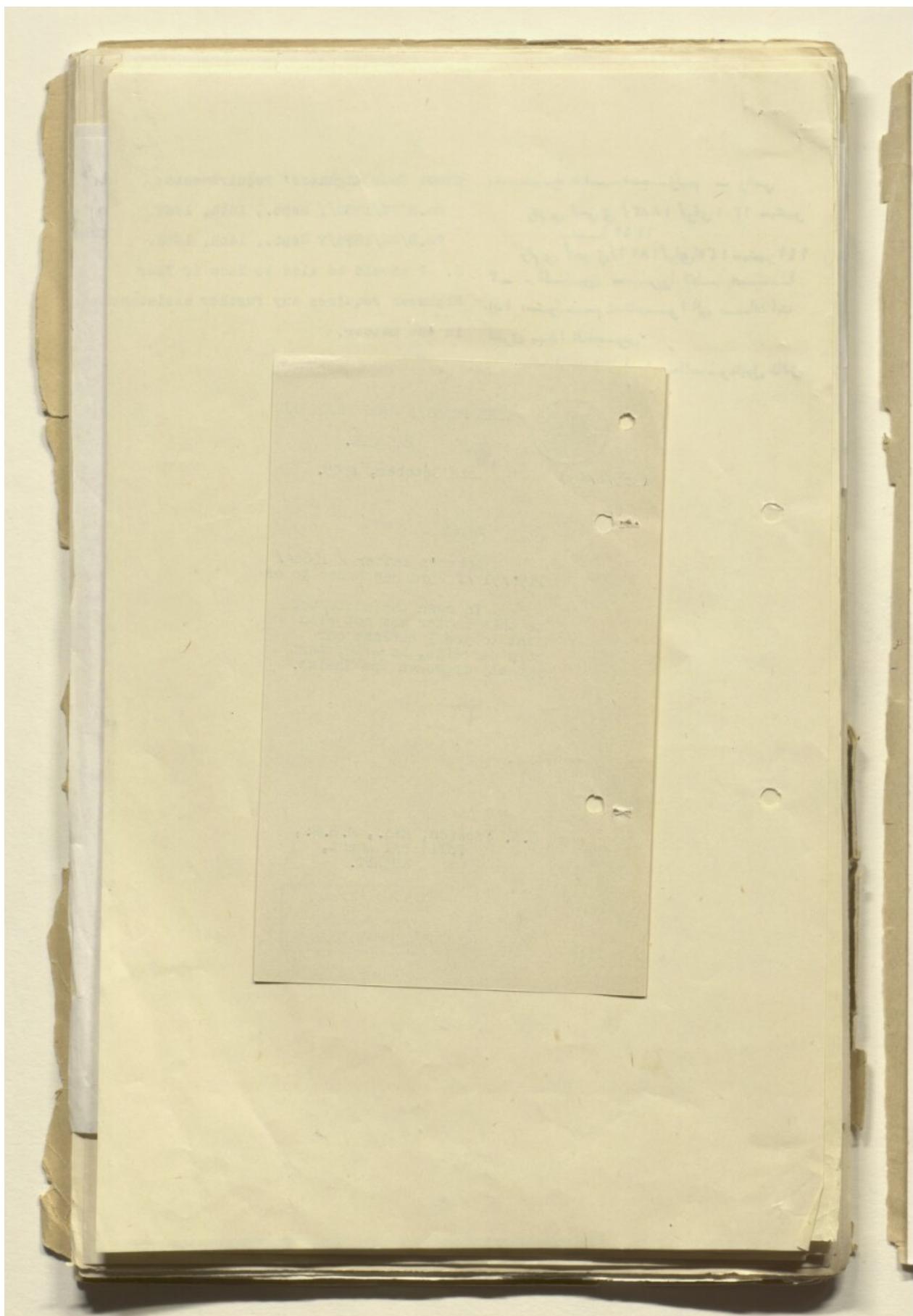
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TELEGRAM.
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Cyphered
Coded *2491* *26-10*
Clear
From:— BAHRAIN To:— KUWAIT
M.A.J.W. 27/10 (78)

Despatched 17/10/49 Received
No. 44 SAVING of 17th October, 1949

Following is Foreign Office telegram No.635
of the 14th October begins:- *S. 16*

Your letter 100/59/49 of 18th May.

Shaikh of Kuwait's gun left London on S.S.
"GORJISTAN" on 1st October and arrived Bizerta on
11th October - Ends.

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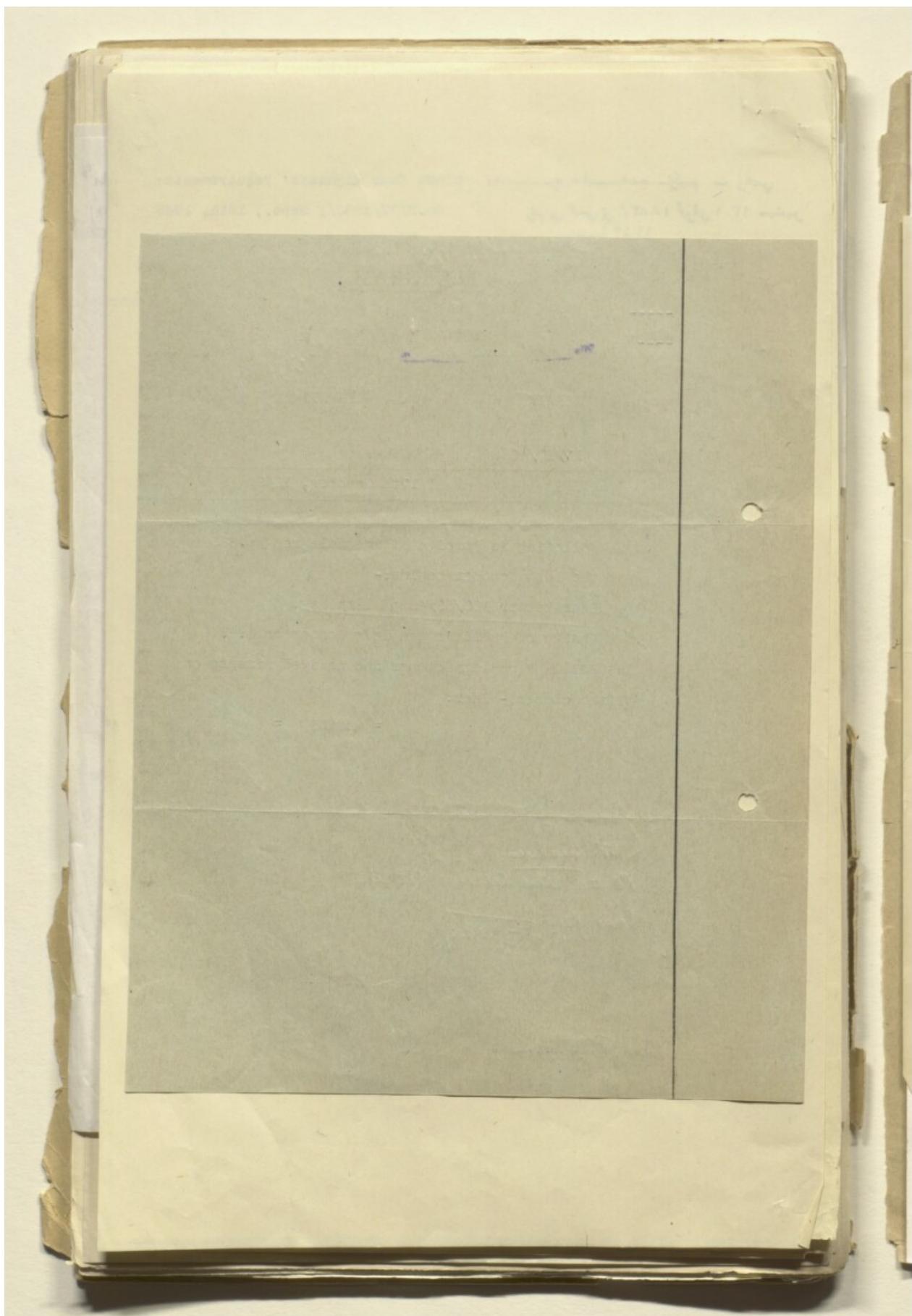
M. Reakhusi
Please see letter & let me
have file. 26/10

(1324) Wt: 39967-1608 150m in 3 sorts 1/47 G.S.S. Gp. 620

PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY
BAHRAM

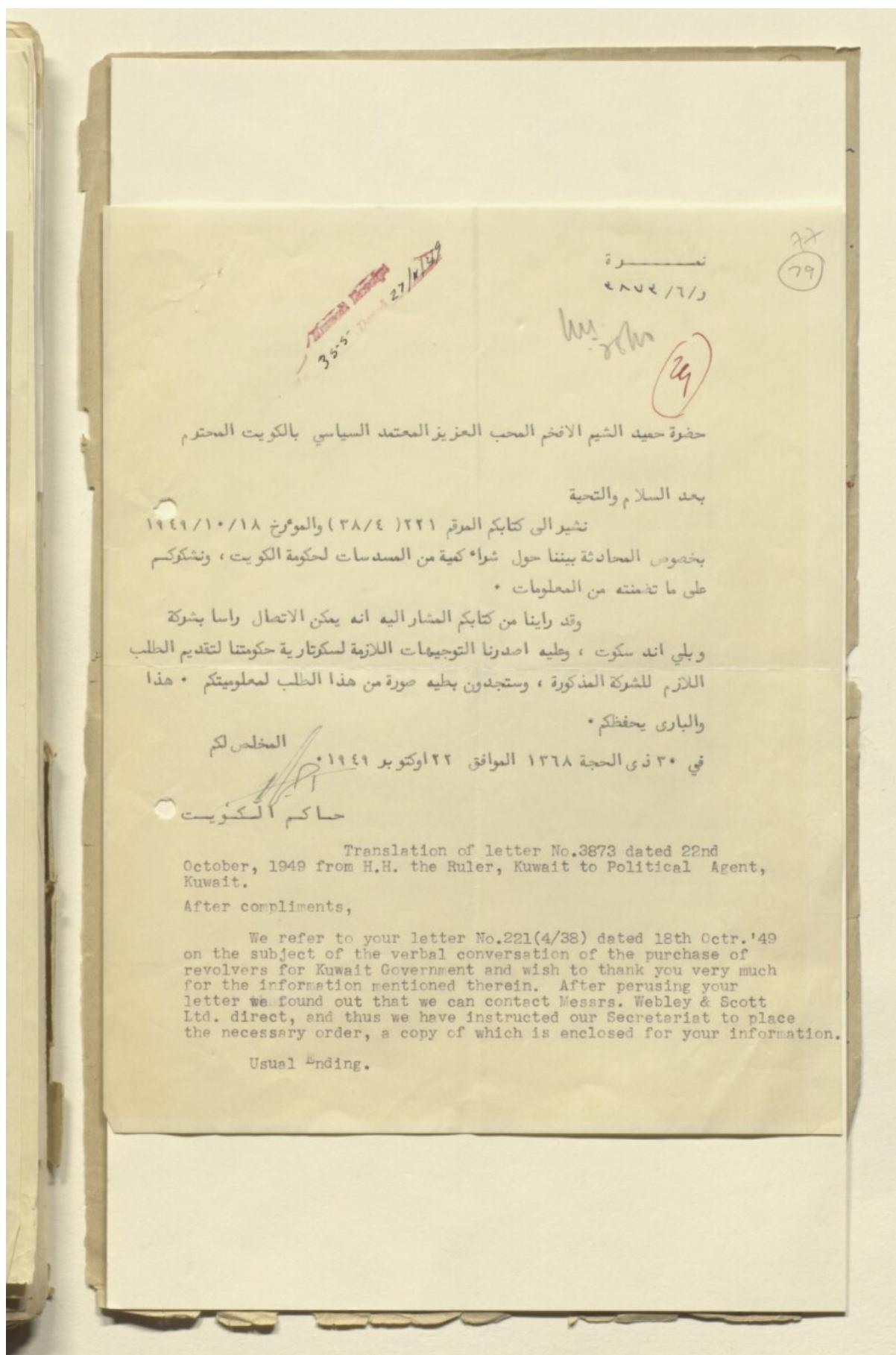


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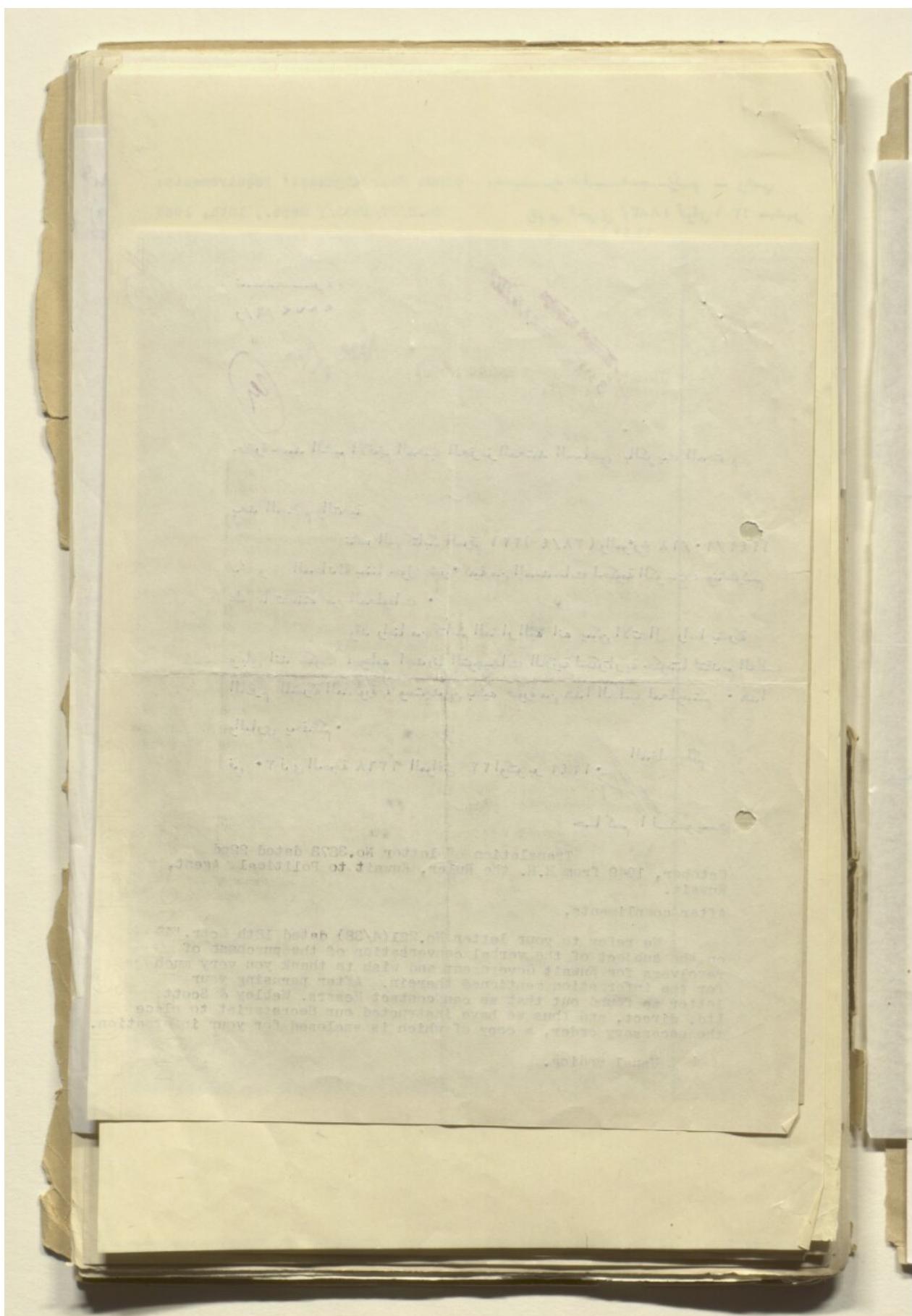


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22nd October, 1949.

Messrs. Webley & Scott Ltd.,
Weaman Street,
Birmingham,
England.

Dear Sirs,

No. B/JT/1883/Y Sept. 13th, 1949
No. B/JT/1896/Y Sept. 14th, 1949

I am directed by His Highness the Shaikh of Kuwait to refer you to the above correspondence between yourselves and the British Foreign Office with regard to the purchase of Mark IV .38 Revolvers for the Kuwait Government.

His Highness has decided to purchase the following and should be obliged if you will place this order in hand with immediate effect:-

188 Webley "MARK IV" .38 Revolvers with 5"Barrels
12 Webley "MARK IV" .38 Revolvers Pocket Model
100,000 Rounds .38 Ammunition, 145 Grains, Smokeless.

It will be necessary for each revolver to be engraved with His Highness' crest and the words "Kuwait Government" as per enclosed facsimile. I suggest that this be done in small characters immediately below the breaking lever and on the left hand side.

So as to ensure your putting the order in hand without delay His Highness has arranged for the British Bank of Iran and the Middle East to credit you with a deposit of £500 on account. Please advise me by return of the total value of this order so that I may make the necessary arrangements for payment. Also please advise me by return of your anticipated delivery date.

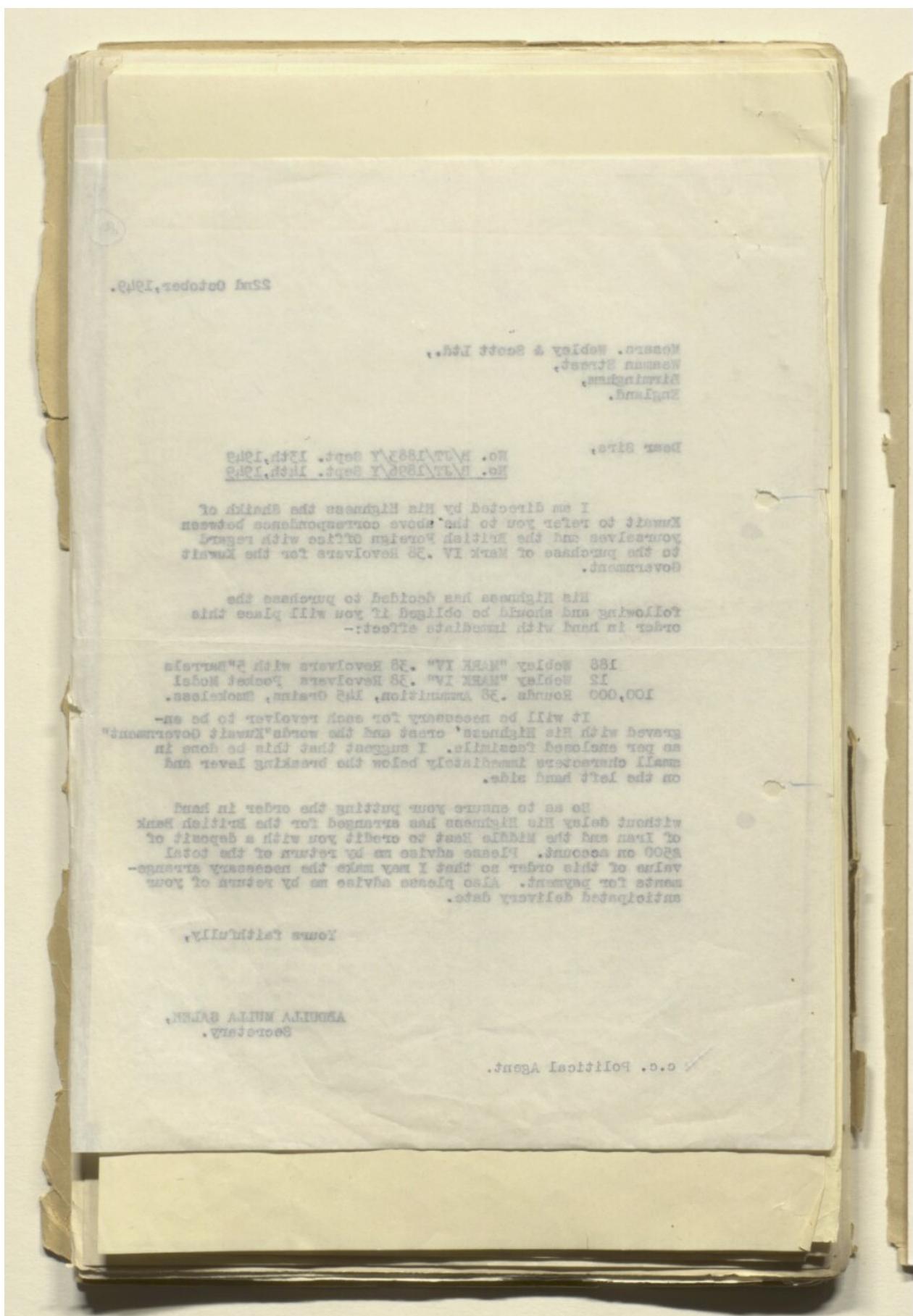
Yours faithfully,

ABDULLA MULLA SALEH,
Secretary.

c.c. Political Agent.



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No. R/155-(4/38)

THE POLITICAL AGENCY,
KUWAIT
26th October, 1949.

His Highness

Sheikh Sir Ahmed al Jabir

As-Subah, KCSI., KCIE.,

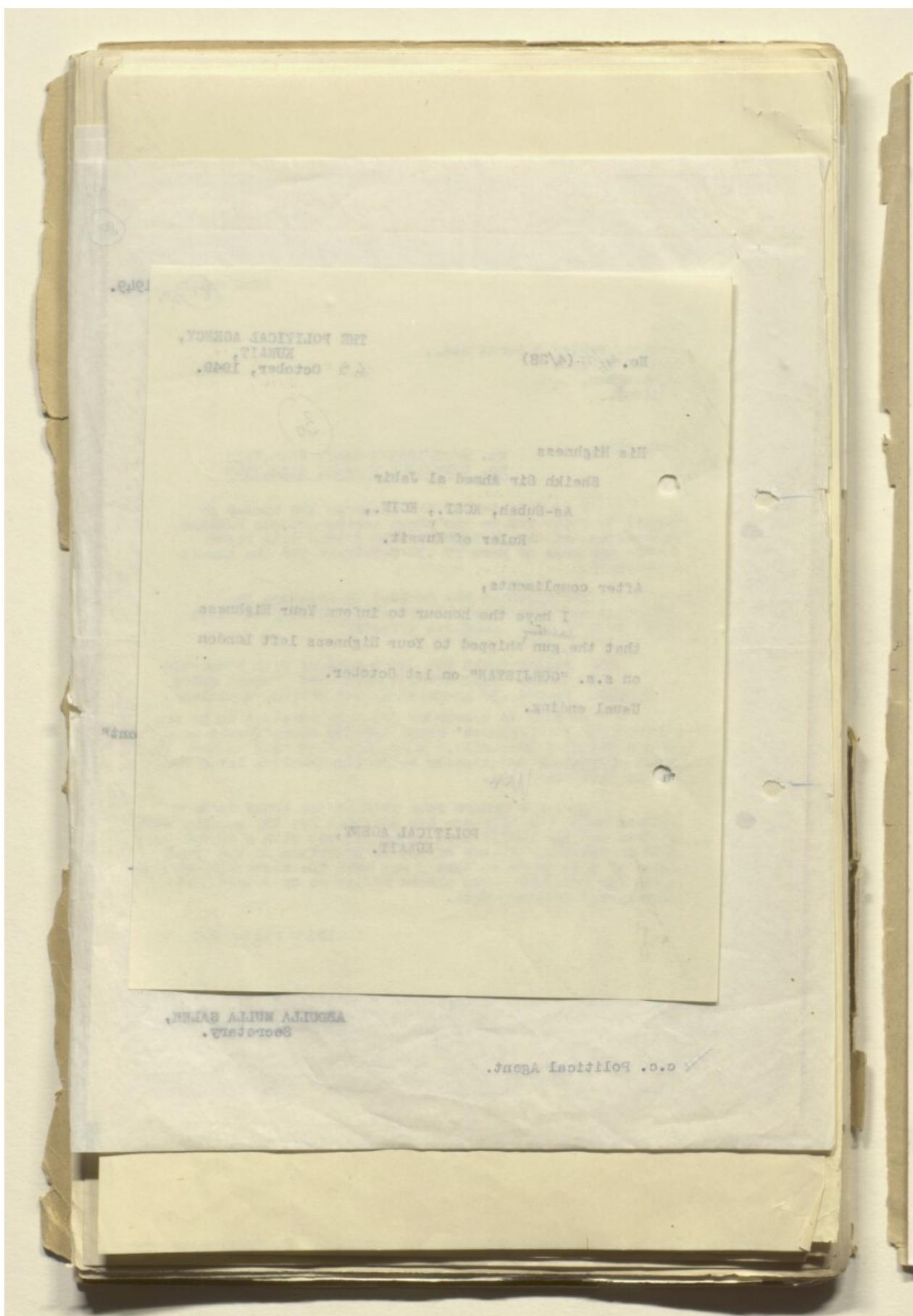
Ruler of Kuwait.

After compliments,

I have the honour to inform Your Highness
Saluting
that the gun shipped to Your Highness left London
on s.s. "GORJISTAN" on 1st October.

Usual ending.

W.M.
POLITICAL AGENT,
KUWAIT.





No. C/260 - (4/38)

THE POLITICAL AGENCY,
KUWAIT,
30th October, 1949.

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Dear Residency,

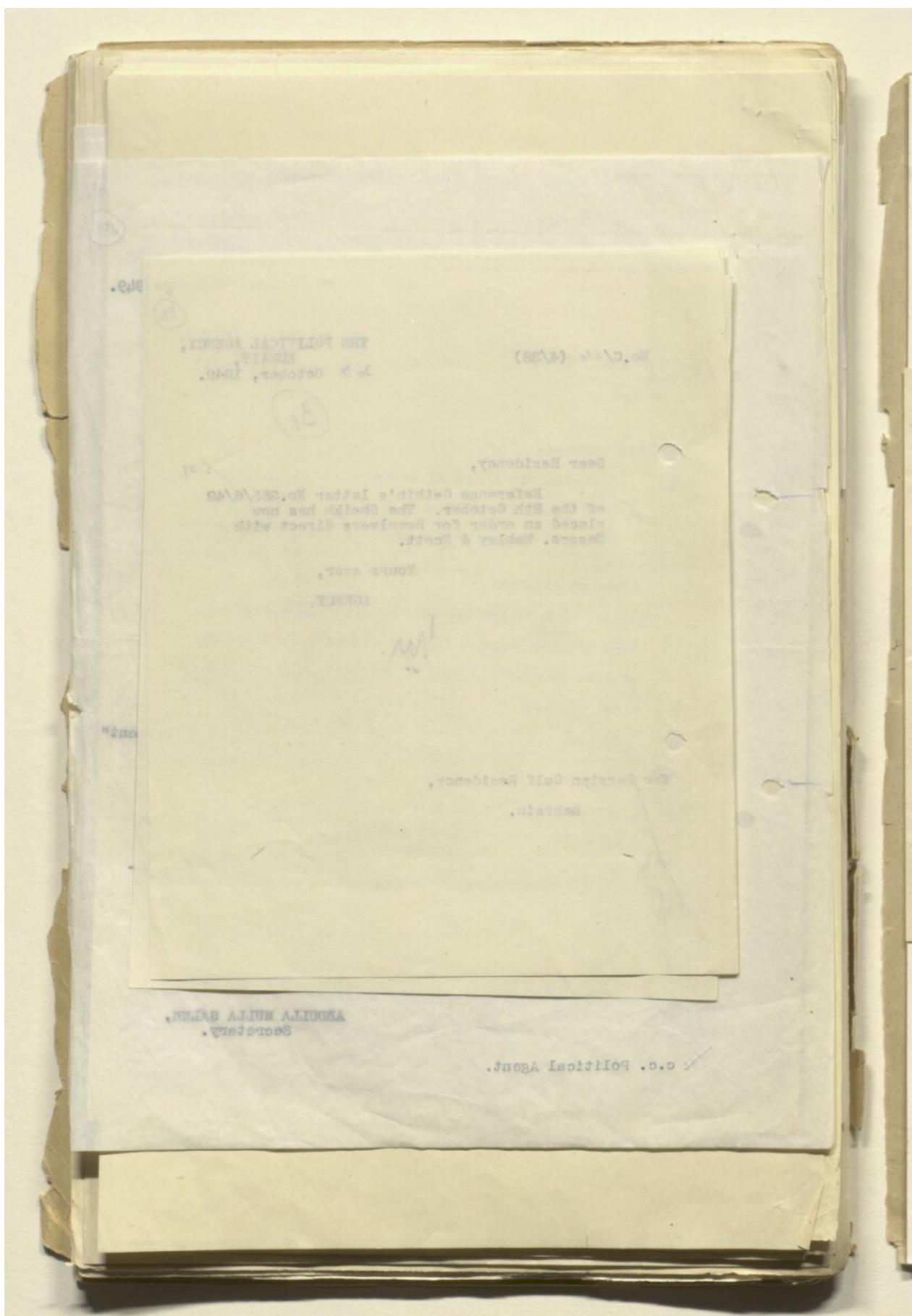
Reference Gethin's letter No. 355/6/49
of the 8th October. The Sheikh has now
placed an order for Revolvers direct with
Messrs. Webley & Scott.

Yours ever,

AGENCY.

S. 27.

The Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.





REGISTERED AIR LETTER MAIL

From:- DIRECTOR OF MOVEMENTS (PIB) : To:-
ADMIRALTY, *M.W/X.*
WHITEHALL, *P3*
LONDON, S.W.1. :
17th Oct. 1949 : KUWAIT
Ref. Mov. (PIB) 8344... S/S "GORJISTAN"
From London to KUWAIT

The attached signed consignee's Bill(s) of Landing (... No.)
received by Shipping Agents too late for despatch in Ship's Bag ~~are~~ forwarded
for necessary action.

Receipt overleaf should be completed and returned.

DOCKET NO
2537/49

To 524 PIB.

CONFIDENTIAL
Return Receipt
No. 981 Dated 21.X.49.

DIRECTOR OF MOVEMENTS (P)

P.T.O.

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E. Watling - Stewar



REPLY.

Signed consignee's copies of Bills of Lading have been received.

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Director of Movements (F1B),
Admiralty,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

1,624.TRB.

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c.c. Politicci Agent.

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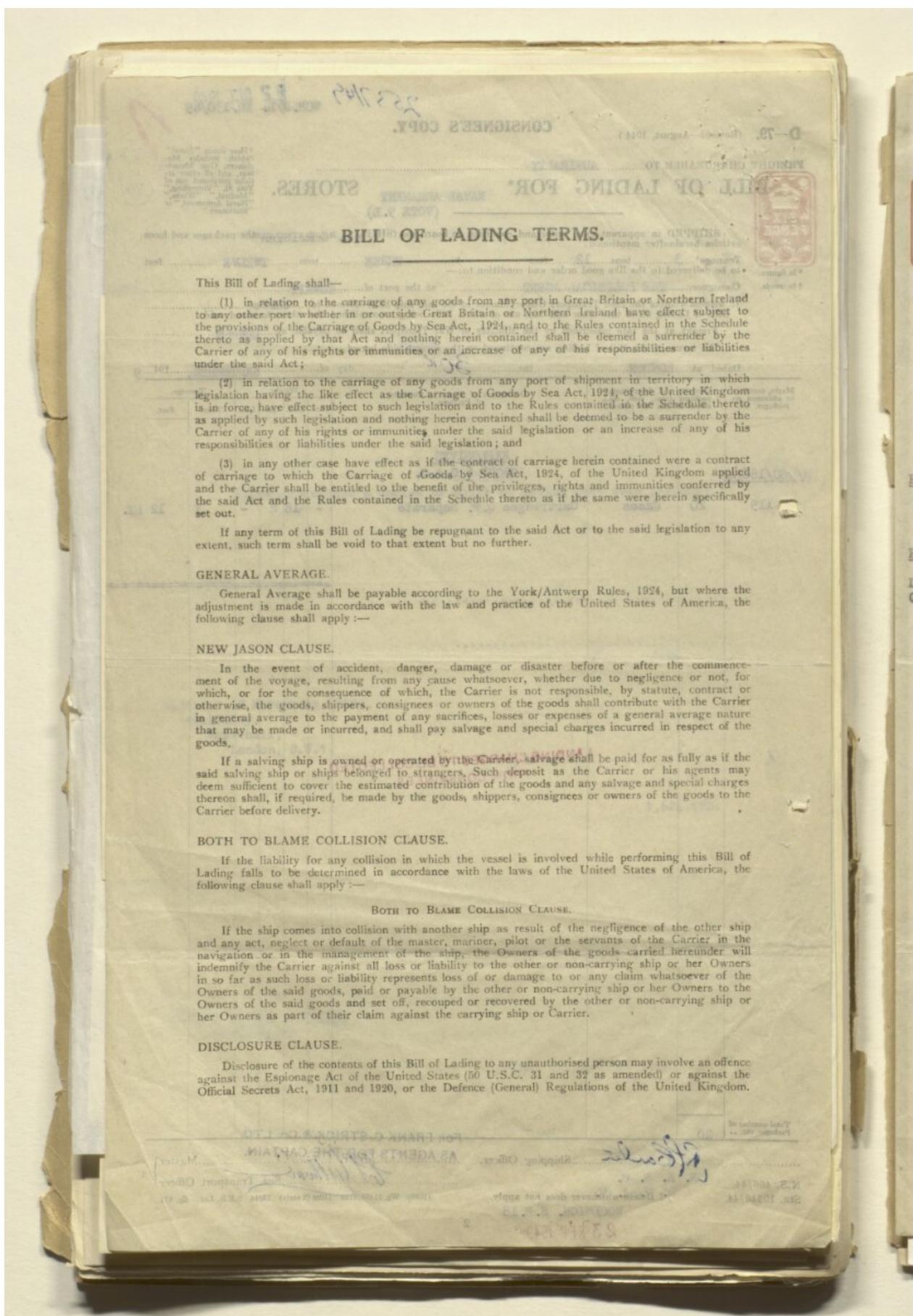


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BILL OF LADING FOR*		NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES.																
(VOTE 9.L)		*Here insert "Naval" (which includes Machinery, Gun Mountings, Artillery, all other articles purchased out of Vote 8), "Victualling," "Medical," "Works," "Naval Armament," or "Stationery."																
SHIPPED in apparent good order and condition on board the (SHIP) GORISTAN the packages and loose articles hereinafter mentioned:																		
Tonnage..... *In figures.		12.....feet to be delivered in the like good order and condition to:																
Consignee..... *In words.		THE POLITICAL AGENT.....at the port of.....KUWAIT.....																
In witness whereof the Sea Transport Officer/Master of the said ship hath affirmed to this Bill of Lading all of this tenor and date one of which Bills being accomplished the others to stand void.																		
Freight at the rate prescribed by the Ministry of War Transport shall be payable at.....LONDON.....																		
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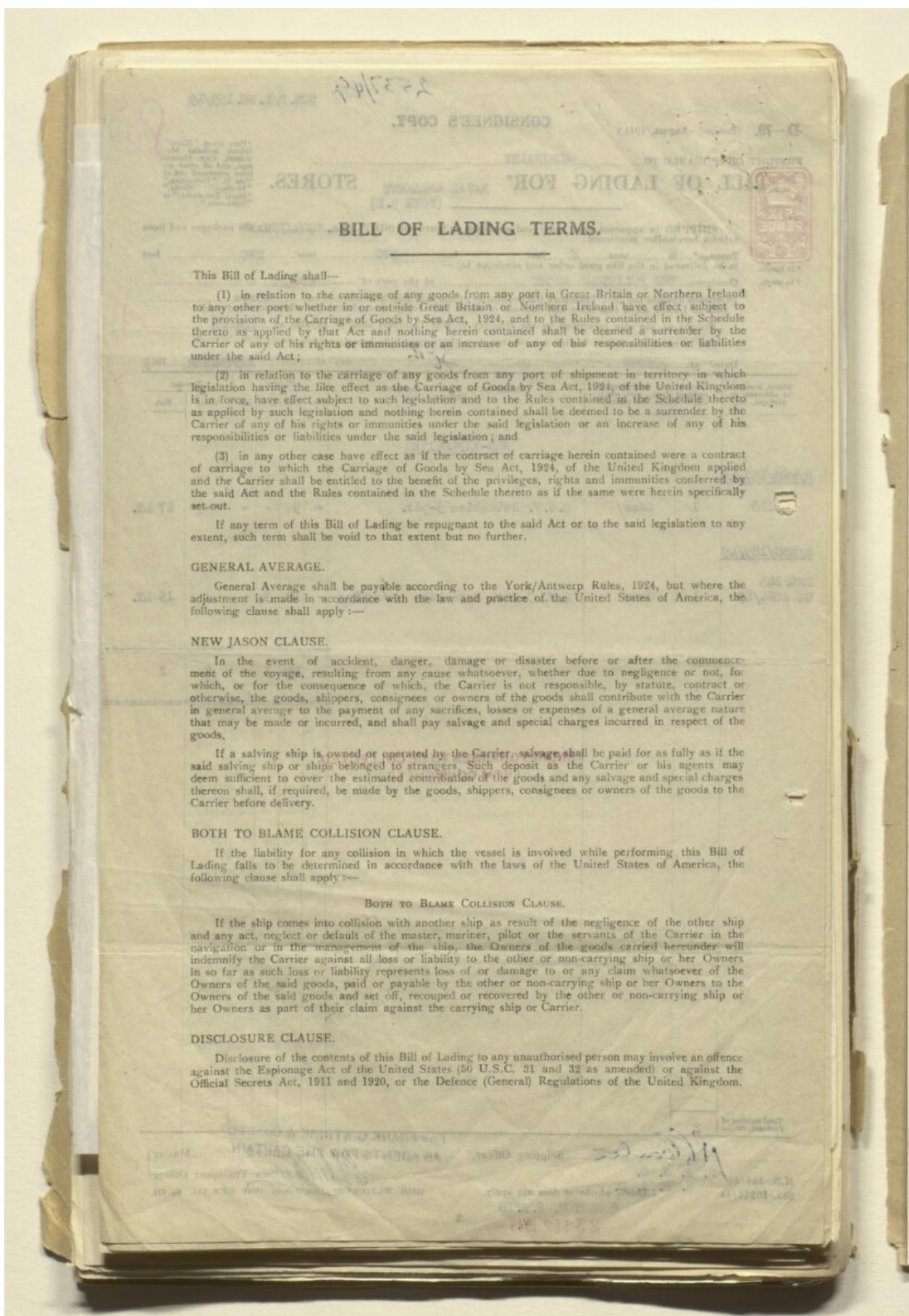


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No. 13 (355/9/49)

His Majesty's Political Resident at Bahrain presents his compliments to Political Agent, Kuwait, and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

*British..... PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.*

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10th November, 1949.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.

Subject

MEMORANDUM OF INSPECTION DATED THE

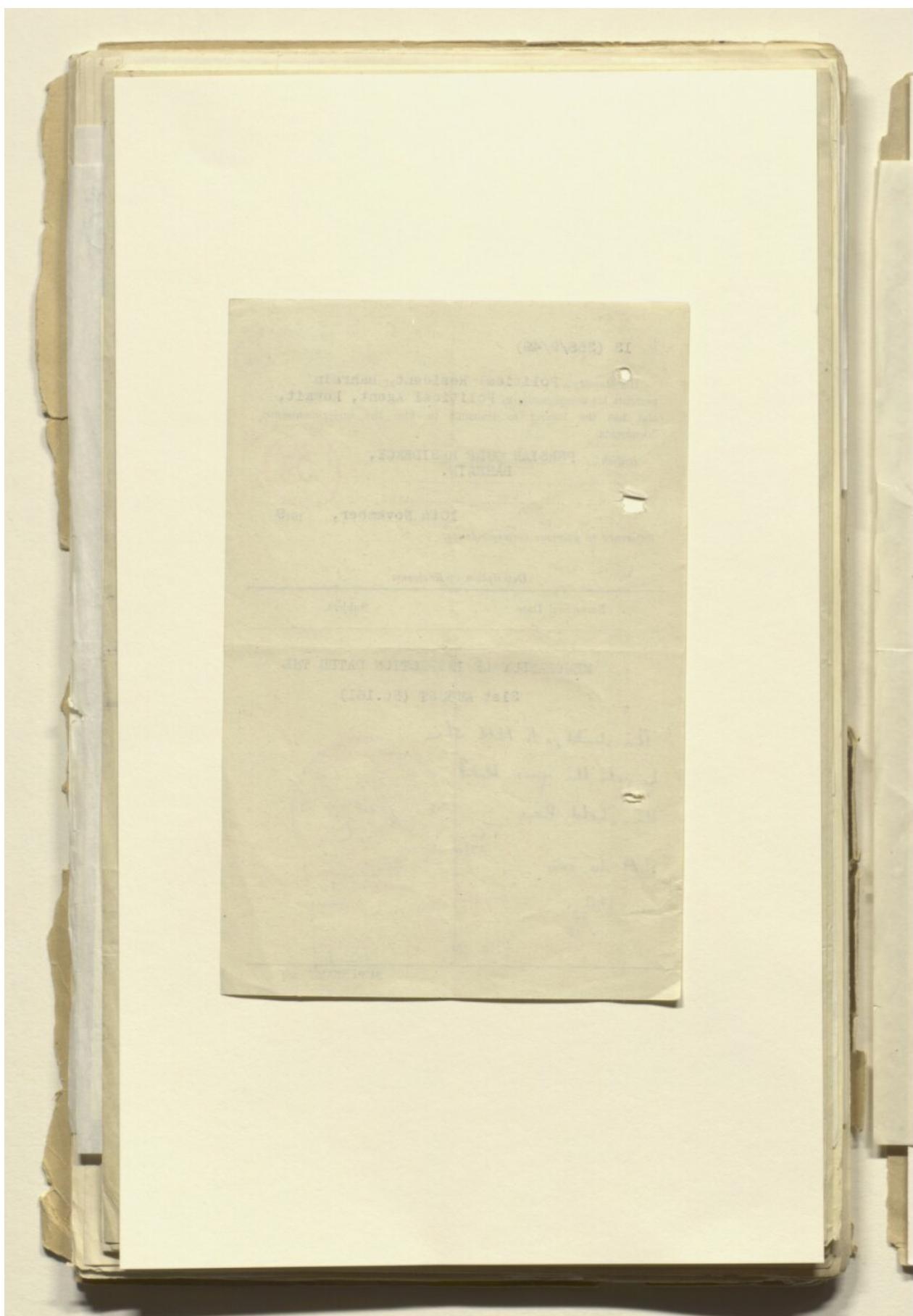
31st AUGUST (NO. 161)

This should go to H.H. Sherr
He gets the guns. Until
then, hold here.

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A circular postmark from the Persian Gulf Residency. The outer ring contains the text "PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY" at the top and "IRAN" at the bottom. In the center, there is a handwritten signature that appears to read "Reed".

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حضره حميد الشيم الانجح المحب العزيز المعتمد السياسي بالكويت المحترم

بعد السلام والتحية

نود ان نفيدكم باننا قبل بضعة اشهر قد تباحثنا مع سلفكم الكولونل كلوي والمستر جكسن حول استصدار اذن لنا بطلب الف بندقية انكليزية مع مليون طلقة لاستعمال قواتنا وشرطتنا ، ولكننا لم نتسلم حتى هذا التاريخ خيرا ينبي عن نتيجة ذلك . لهذا نرجوكم التفضل بتعقب هذا الطلب وافاهمتنا بالنتيجة . هذا والبارى يحفظكم .

في ٩ صفر ١٣٦٩ الموافق ٣٠ نوفمبر ١٩٤٩ .

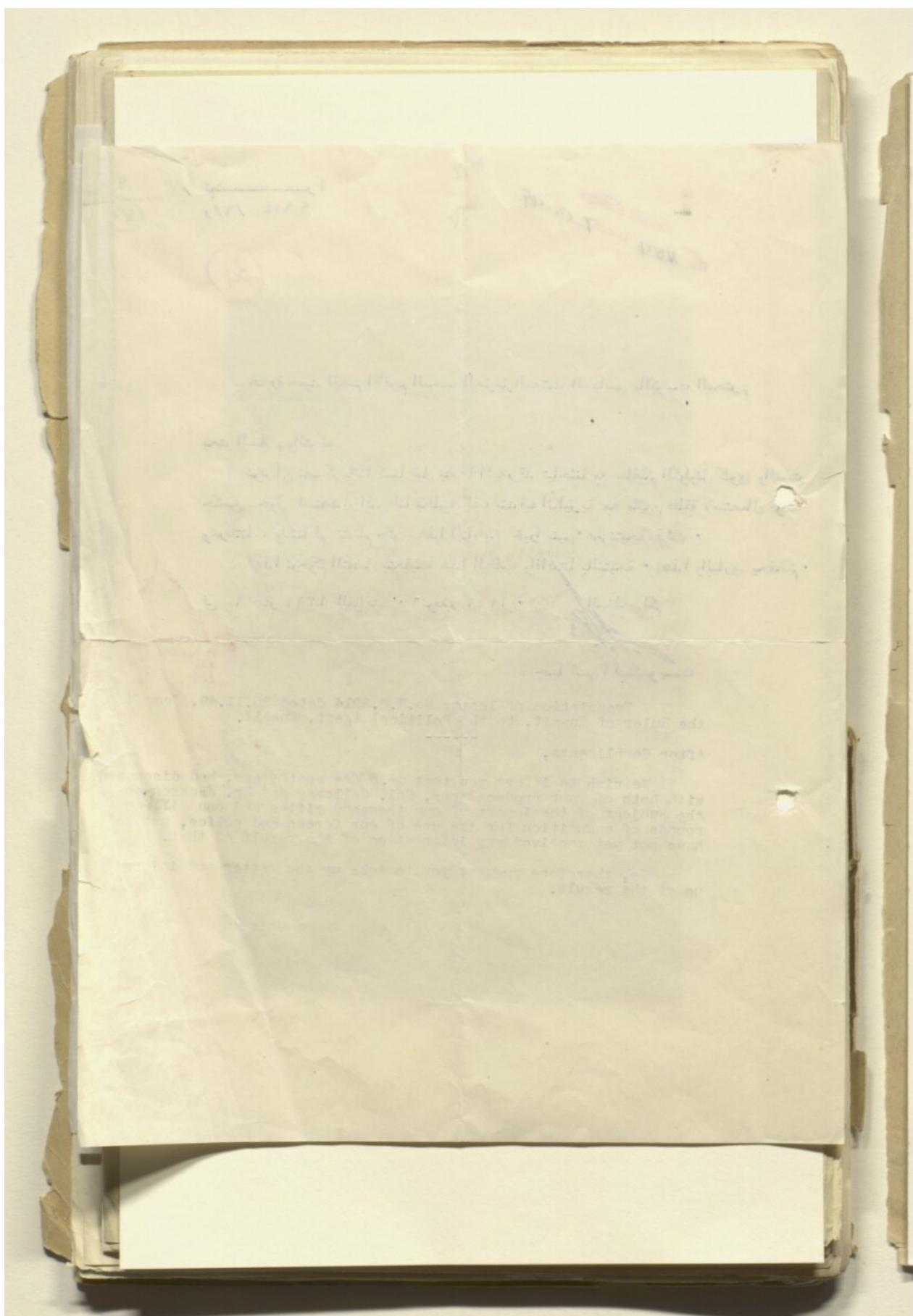
حاكم الكويت

Translation of letter No.R.6.3914 dated 30.11.49, from H.H. the Ruler of Kuwait, to the Political Agent, Kuwait.

After Compliments,

We wish to inform you that we, a few months ago, had discussed with both of your predecessors, Col. Galloway and Mr. Jackson on the subject of the import of one thousand rifles and one million rounds of ammunition for the use of our forces and police, but we have not yet received any information of the result of that.

We, therefore request you to take up the matter and inform us of the result.





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Sent by Kuwait
Addressed Foreign Office, London
Telno. 130
Date sent December 24.

Repeated Residency Bahrain
Saving No. 25.

Addressed Prodrome London telno
130 December 24 repeated Prodrome Bahrain
Saving.

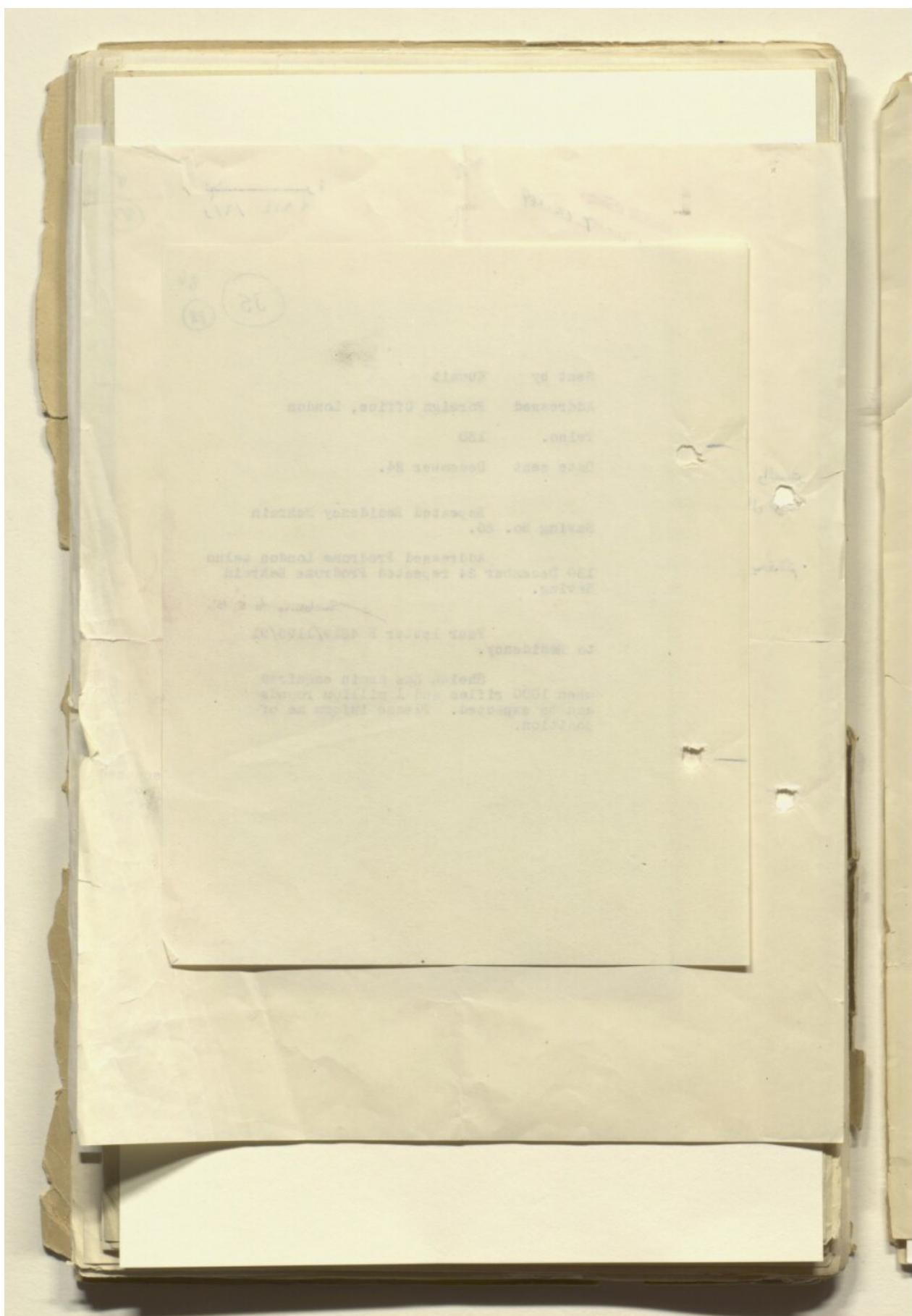
Inclosure to S. 15.

Your letter E 4219/1196/91
to Residency.

Sheikh has again enquired
when 1000 rifles and 1 million rounds
can be expected. Please inform me of
position.



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- ①
Issued W.H.O. no 2/2 dt 8/4/48 to Knideng Bahrain.
②
Memo no K/18 dt 30/4/48 for Knideng Bahrain
D.A. Aug 8/4
1948
Major Sandy failed to make this clear. I will
ask Shiekh. P.M. B.V.
- ③
Issued Memo. no. R/27 dt. 6/5/48 to Secy. Bahrain
④
Tel. no. 4 at. 30.9.48 from Prodtoms, Bahrain
3. Informed. Aug 2/10.
Major
R.W.W.
4. Tel to now. P.M. B.V.
5. Issued tel. no. R/66 dt 7.10.48 to Prodtoms, Bahrain.
6. P.L. No. 8/15/48 at. 23. X. 48 from Residency, Bahrain
PA. My love to officers with H.H. Aug 6/11/48
7. My decision. P.R. was avoided. Aug 6/11/48
and
7. 11. 48



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Mr. doak's signature.

13.2.49
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Issued till No. 32 dt 16.2.49 to Prodrone, Bahrain

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Issued Savings M. C/41 dt 17.2.49 to Prodrone, Bahrain

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24/2

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P.L. 100/21/49 at 2.3.49 from Residency, Bahrain.

May file?

13
24/3

They have not yet told us

whether we shall get a new or a
used saluting gun. or, nearly too
used. & will be unable to
send to you.

Pray let me know.

Mr. doak.

13.3.49

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Issued letter C/64 dt. 3/4/49 to Residency, Bhr.

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Issued letter C/65 dt. 3/4/49 to Residency, Bahrain

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P.C. 100/19/49 at. 28.2.48 from Residency, Bahrain.

M
26/4

11. understand P.R. has reminded that
I have left Bahrain so when I next
see him.

W.Y.

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Letter 100/52/49 at. 3/5/49 from Residency, Bahrain.

12. If P.A. has informed Sheikh no further
action seems called for. may file?

M.Y.

Off
10/5.

23/5

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Letter 100/56/49 at. 11.5.49 from Residency, Bahrain.

13. presume P.A. would prefer to discuss
matter with Sheikh.

Off
23/5

14. S.A. 50 rounds were handed
over to the Sheikh on 26/5/49. They
were brought here by Flamingo. It
was explained to the Sheikh that
he was expected to return the empty
cases and he promised to do so.

15. S.A. Some draft pl. - I him
let me have file back for action
within H.H. M.Y. off



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(16)

~~Recd.~~ P.L. No. 100/59/48 dt. 18/5/48 from Residency,
Bahrain

(17)

Issue Rec. No. 116 dt. 28/5/48 to Residency,
Bahrain

Mr
28/5

Done rec'd.

Mr.
28/5.

(18)

Issue Rec. No. 152 dt. 23.6.48 to Residency, Bahrain.

(19)

Issued letter C/157 dt. 17.6.48 to Residency, Bahrain

Mr
23/6

(20)

Letter 100/79/48 dt. 2.7.48 from Residency, Bahrain.

They require 38 webby & Scott 17
or Colt revolvers with ~~200~~
250 rounds each all from War Office
sources if possible. Done draft.

Mr.
23/7.

(21)

Issued letter C/184 dt. 12.7.48 to Residency, Bahrain

Mr
23/7. 18

Done draft pl.

Mr. 31/7.



1. (21) Issued letter of 197 dt. 31.7.47 to Residency, Bahrain
P.C. No. 100/187/47 dt. 26.7.47 from Residency, Bahrain.
Ltr.
M.Y. 8/8

2. (22) Ltr. No. 100/90/47 dt. 12.8.47 from Residency, Bahrain
Ltr.
M.Y. 27/8

3. (23) C.S. no E 10664/1196/47 dt. 23.5.48 from P.O. London
D.F.A.
M.Y. 17/10

4. (24) Issued letter No. 221 dt. 28.11.48 to His Highness.
Letter No. 355/6/48 dt. 8.12.48 from Residency, Bahrain.
Catalogue forwarded to 44 mi², S. 26.

5. (25) Sir's letter No. 48 dated 17.11.48 from Residency, Bahrain.
Letter No. 28873 dt. 22.X.48 from His Highness.
S. 26. May await arrival of him before informing
His Highness? His brother?

6. (26) S. 25. D.F.A.
S. 27. Letter in form H.H. now

7. (28) S. 28. Done draft. M.Y. 8/8



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(22)
Memo d/ 27. x. 48 from Director of Movements, India.
Revd minre of ss. Logis. ?

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24.

(23)
P.L. No 3. (355/9/48) d/ 10.xi.48 from P.D. Bahaw.

(24)

Letter to R. G. 29/4 d/ 20.xi.48 from Sir Stephen.

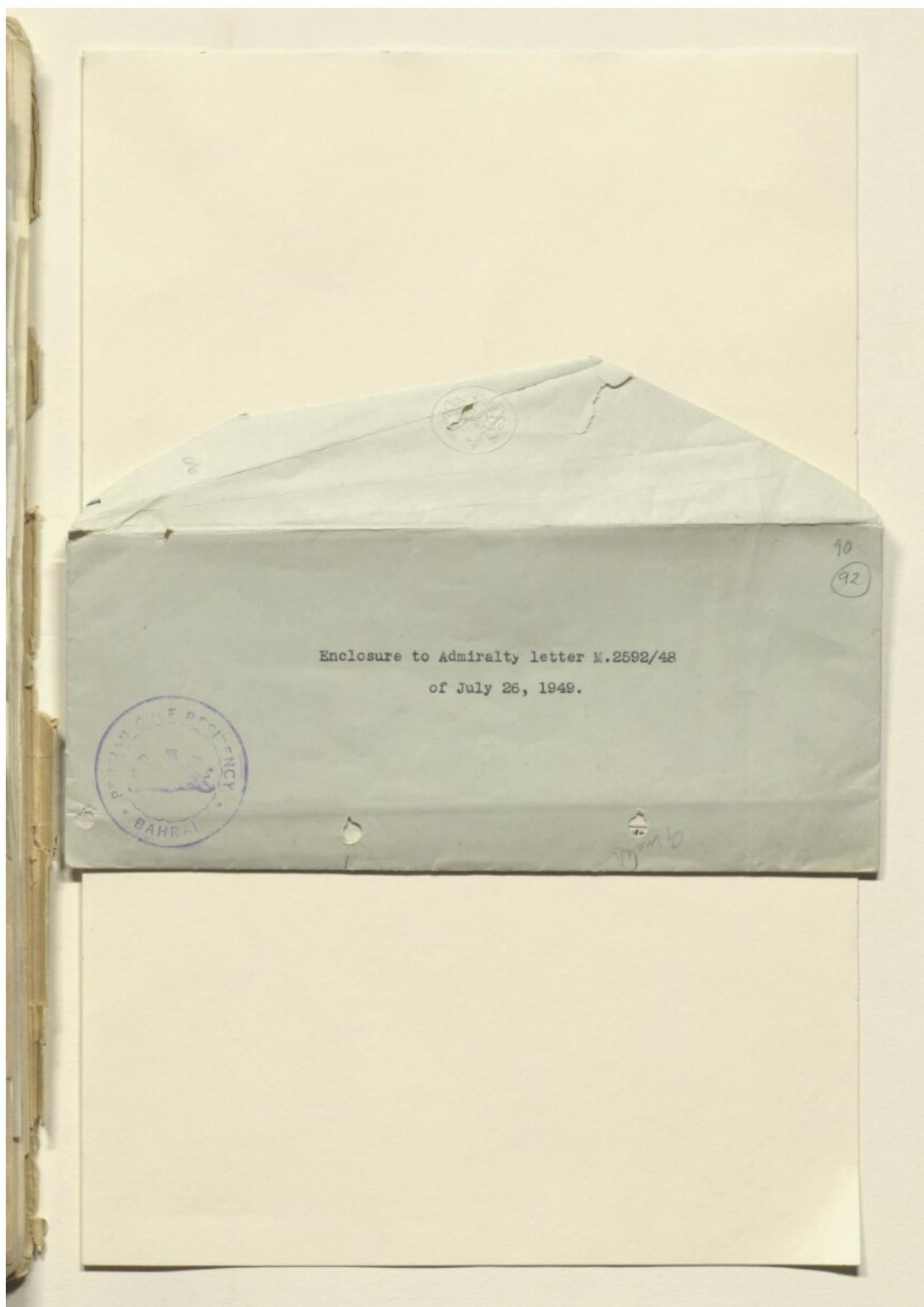
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Answer to No 3 d/ 24.xii.48 to R.G., London.

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No. B. 4447/49. Authority M. 2592/48 & AGO 369/48
Voucher to The Persian Gulf Residency, Bahrain.
Consign to Political Agent Kuwait.
Any Special Conditions ON REPAYMENT.
(e.g. Repayment, Mutual Aid, Re-assignment, Loan, Free in Aid, etc.)

No. Local No. _____

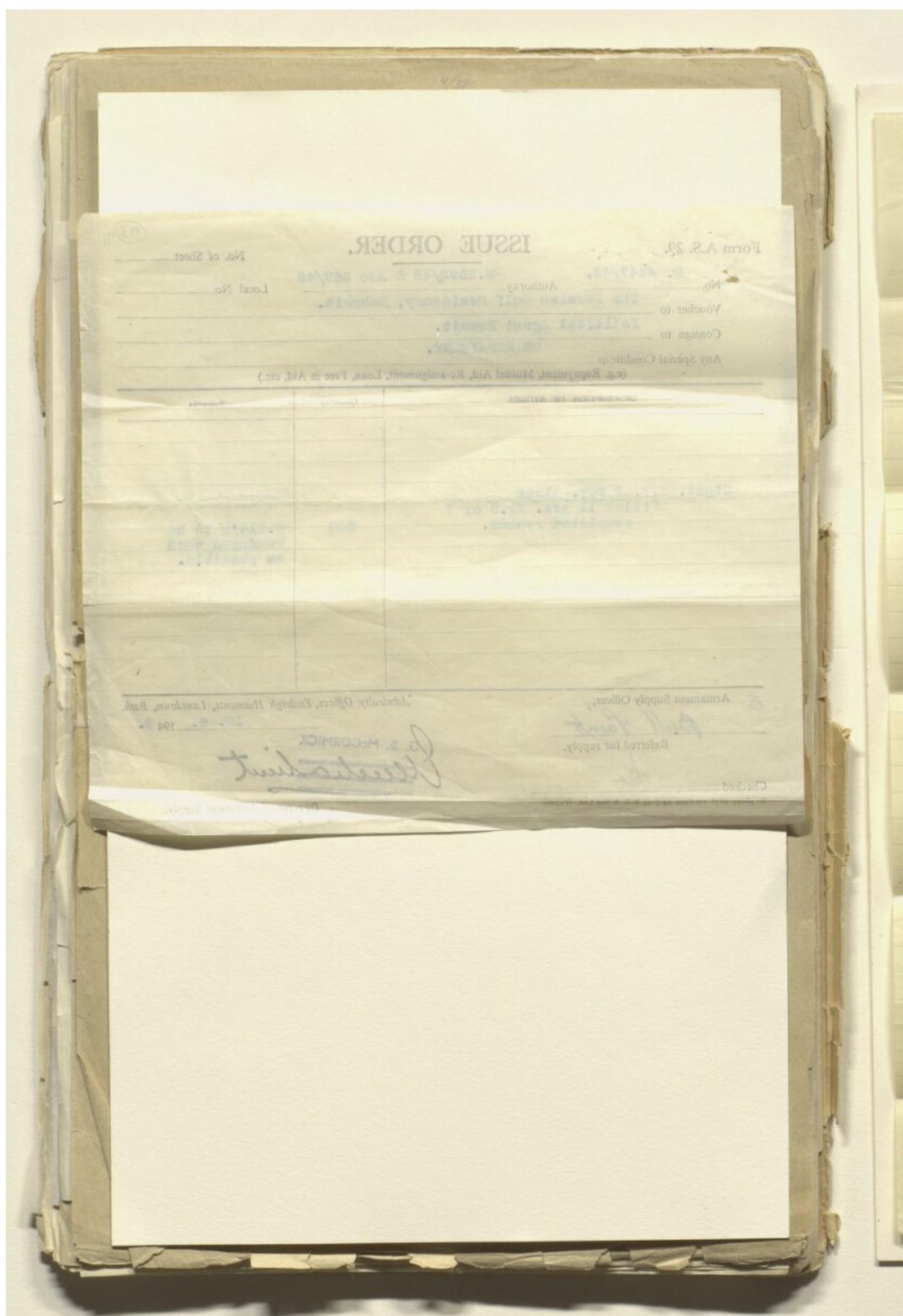
DESCRIPTION OF STORES	Quantity	Remarks
<p>Otges. Q.F. 3 Pdr. Blank filled 11 ozs. Mk.5 or 7 complete rounds.</p>	500	G.214's to be rendered soon as possible.

5 Armament Supply Officer,
Bull Point
Referred for supply.
Checked DA
B. 36037 0632 121 Pads 24-7-45 E.R. & Son Ltd. W23285

Admiralty Offices, Ensliegh Hutmens, Lansdown, Bath.
G. B. McCORMICK
Director of Armament Supply.
10. 6. 1949.



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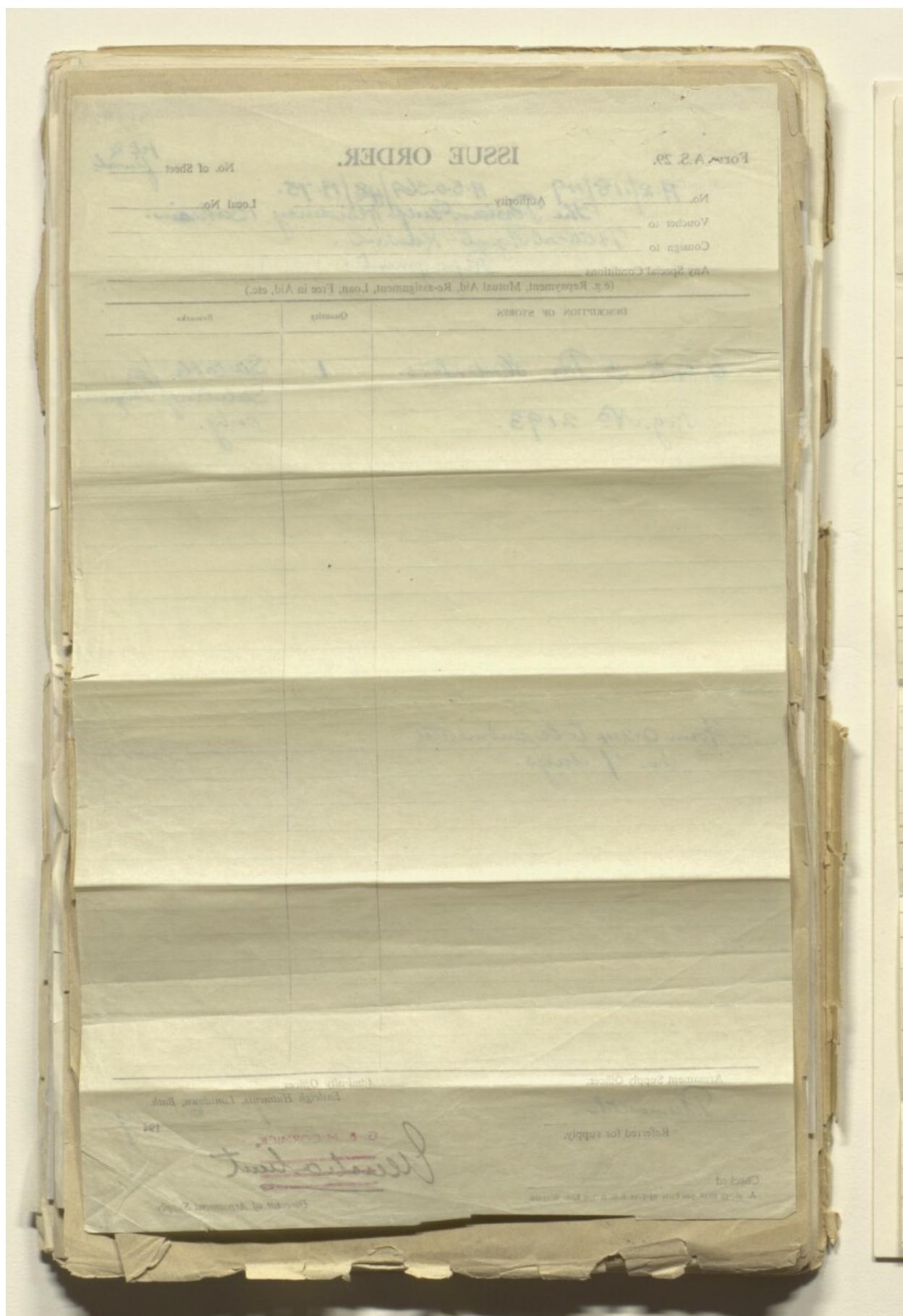




ISSUE ORDER.		
Form A.S. 29.		No. of Sheet <i>(94) 92 1st & final</i>
No. <i>A.2/118/119</i>	Authority <i>A.3.0.369/12/A.75.</i>	Local No.
Voucher to <i>The Persian Gulf Residency, Bahrain.</i>		
Consign to <i>Political Agent, Kuwait. Repayments.</i>		
Any Special Conditions (e.g. Repayment, Mutual Aid, Re-assignment, Loan, Free in Aid, etc.)		
DESCRIPTION OF STORES	Quantity	Remarks
<i>O.Q.F. 3 Pdr. Hotchkiss. Reg. No. 2193.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Suitable for Saluting purposes only.</i>
<i>Four 0.214 to be submitted in 7 days.</i>		
Armament Supply Officer, <i>Plymouth.</i>	Admiralty Offices, Ensleigh Hutments, Lansdown, Bath.	
Referred for supply.	<i>G. B. McCORMICK</i>	
Checked A. 36037 0638 300 Pads 24-7-45 E.D. & Son Ltd. W2386	<i>Electoral Agent</i>	
	Director of Armament Supply.	



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